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SUMMARY.

General Kuropatkin reports that two companies of Japanese infantry and some cavalry have crossed the Yalu above Wiju.

In consequence of this movement, General Sassulitch has reinforced his outposts.

The Japanese are also preparing to cross the river at Pyok-tong, about 50 miles in a direct line north-east of Wiju.

The recent reports of the presence of Cossacks between Gensan and Puk-chong, on the east coast of Korea, are discredited, and have not been officially confirmed.

A message from St. Petersburg states that Japanese warships are off Vladivostock.

Two Japanese disguised as Chinese beggars gained access to General Kuropatkin, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria.

As they were armed with knives, it is believed they intended to assassinate the General. They were, however, arrested.

It is asserted in military circles at Kieff that there are 10,000 troops in Manchurian hospitals suffering from typhoid.

Foreign military attaches at Tokio have been warned to be ready to proceed to the front.

Russian troops are guarding the Yalu at Ta-tung-kau, below the mouth of the river.

Chang-seng, which is about 35 miles to the north-east of Wiju, is also guarded by Russian troops.

The Japanese lines, it is stated, extend from Yongampho to a place situated ten miles above Wiju.

Reuter's correspondent states that the greatest force of the Russians is at Antung.

One island above Wiju and two islands below it are regarded as the keys to the position.

For the sake of ensuring greater security, the Chinese propose to remove the arsenal from Shanghai to Wu-hu.

King Edward VII., Queen Alexandra, and the Princess Victoria are at Holyhead, and are proceeding to Ireland.

The Dalai Lama has provided the Chinese Amban at Lhassa with an escort to proceed to Gyangtse to confer with Colonel Younghusband.

Speaking at a meeting of Dutch held at Johannesburg, General Botha denied that a single Boer intended to revolt.

Nevertheless, at the right time and in the right manner, he said, the Boers meant to exercise their vote, and would not consent to become political playthings.

General Botha deprecated racial dissensions, and advised the Afrikanders to adhere to their old methods.

The German Imperial Treasurer anticipates that there will be a chronic Imperial deficit of £5,000,000 until the new custom duties become operative.

The captains and officers of the Association of the Mercantile Marine at Marseilles have struck, and many vessels have been rendered idle.

Their action was due to some officers being put ashore at the instance of the seamen's syndicate, whose tyranny is regarded as intolerable.

In a speech at Birmingham Mr. Chamberlain declared that there would be no general election in 1904.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government satisfied itself that the introduction of Chinese into the Transvaal was desired by the whites.

The agitation against Chinese was started for political reasons, he asserted, and was groundless.

He, however, said he was not certain that the employment of Chinese would be an economic success.

Mr. Watson, Federal Prime Minister, announced the names of the members of his Cabinet yesterday. He takes the position of Treasurer in addition to that of Premier.

The other Ministers are:—Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for External Affairs; Mr. E. L. Batchelor, Minister for Home Affairs; Mr. H. B. Higgins, Attorney-General.

Senator Dawson is Minister for Defence; Mr. A. Fisher, Minister for Customs; and Mr. H. Mahon, Postmaster-General.

Senator M'Gregor takes the position of Vice-President of the Executive Council. The Prime Minister meets the House to-day.

Michael Hennessey, employed in a store kept by a Chinese in Campbell-street, was removed to the Coast Hospital yesterday suffering from plague. He was a resident of Surry Hills.

In the year 1902 four or five cases of plague occurred among Chinese employed in this store.

The Lord Mayor states that the City Council is doing all that is required to keep the plague outbreak in check.

Our Bradford correspondent writes that the good all round features which New South Wales wools possess are causing them to sell freely in the English markets.

Our Bourke correspondent reports that a plague of mice has been experienced in some of the northern towns.

Mr. George Throssel, who succeeded Sir John Forrest as Premier of Western Australia, is seriously ill.

A table published by Mr. Coghlan, Government Statistician, shows that there was a decline in several of the important manufacturing industries of the State in 1903.

There were, however, increases in several others. With the break-up of the drought a rapid revival took place in nearly all industries.

Towards the end of the year 1903 factories and works gave employment to 76,585 persons, as against an average of 65,765 during the whole year.

It is believed that Sir John Forrest will strongly support the selection of Dalgety as the site for the Federal capital.

Electoral officers are engaged in cleansing the Commonwealth rolls, and bringing them up to date.

The secretary of the department points out that electors who have not done so should take this opportunity to have their names placed on the rolls.

Subscriptions are to be raised to place a clock and chimes in the tower of the new post-office, Hobart, at a cost of £1500.

Mr. J. H. Carruthers, leader of the Opposition, considers that the Local Government Bill, outlined by Mr. Wise, will smother the aspirations of the people for local self-government.

The residents of Norfolk Island have decided to establish a defence corps for the island.

The High Court decided yesterday that a Federal officer could not be called upon by the State of Tasmania to give a stamped receipt for salary received from the Commonwealth.

Mr. B. R. Wise, the Acting Premier, delivered a political speech at Singleton last night, in which he defended the See Government.

The report of the Railway Commissioners for the quarter ended March 21 shows a steady and continuous improvement in the volume of business on the railways.

Gross earnings show an increase of £123,874, and the expenditure an increase of £52,511, being an improvement of £71,363.

Tramway earnings increased by £9190, and the expenditure by £6786, the net improvement being £2704.

The High Court of Australia decided yesterday that the imposition of municipal taxes on the property of the Commonwealth was prohibited by section 114 of the Constitution.

A boy, aged 16, employed in a produce store near the Roma-street markets in Brisbane, was found to be suffering from plague yesterday.

Owing to the great influx of Italians and Austrian miners into Western Australia, Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co. have decided not to employ miners who cannot speak English.

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RETURN FARES from Sydney and Suburban Stations (including Steamer Trip): First Class, 5s 6d; Second Class, 3s 6d.
REFRESHMENTS can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

THE EXCURSION ANNOUNCED ON HANDBILLS and POSTERS to be MADE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, IS CANCELLED.

EXCURSIONS TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER WILL BE DISCONTINUED AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 25, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

N.S.W. NATIONAL COURSING ASSOCIATION'S MEETING AT ROOTY HILL.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, April 27 and 28.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to ROOTY HILL at Sydney and intermediate Stations by Special Train leaving Sydney at 9.55 a.m., available for return until Friday, April 29.

SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS.
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY).
Sydney, .. dep. 9.55 a.m. | Rooty Hill, dep. 5.15 p.m.
Rooty Hill, arr. 10.47 a.m. | Sydney, .. arr. 6.14 p.m.
For further particulars see handbills.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE.

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY).

A SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE at 4.5 p.m. TO-MORROW, calling at the principal stations en route, and be due at Melbourne 11.17 a.m. next day.
FARES:—First-class, Single £2 6s, Return £3 10s; Second-class, Single £1 13s, Return £2 10s. The return tickets will be available for return by the 6.15 a.m. Train from Melbourne on any day, Sunday excepted, up to SATURDAY, MAY 28, inclusive; and also by Special Excursion Train, which will leave Melbourne on THURSDAY, MAY 26.
For further particulars see Handbills and Posters.

WINTER PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE.

COMMENCING, SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1904.

PRINCIPAL ALTERATIONS.

SOUTHERN LINE.

The Melbourne Express Train, leaving Sydney at 7.10 p.m., will be altered to start at 7.50 p.m., arriving Albury at 7.20 a.m. (instead of 6.45 a.m.), and Melbourne at 1.17 p.m. (instead of 12.42 p.m.).
The Express leaving Melbourne at 5.15 p.m. (Mondays to Fridays inclusive), will be altered to start at 5.5 p.m., arriving at Albury 10.43 p.m. (instead of 10.53 p.m.), depart Albury at 11.5 p.m. (instead of 11.15 p.m.), and arrive Sydney at 10.43 a.m. (instead of 10.50 a.m.).
The 5.15 p.m. Friday train, Sydney to Goulburn, will be discontinued beyond Bundanoon.
The 5.0 a.m. Saturday train, Goulburn to Sydney, will be discontinued between Goulburn and Moss Vale.
The 8.16 a.m. local train, Picton to Sydney, will be altered to leave Picton at 9.45 a.m., and run correspondingly later, leaving Campbelltown at 10.42 a.m. (instead of 9.15 a.m.), arriving Sydney at 12.12 p.m. (instead of 10.45 a.m.).

CAMDEN TRAMWAY.

The usual Winter Service will also be brought into force on this Tramway, for particulars of which see time tables.

WESTERN LINE.

The undermentioned week-end trains will be discontinued during the winter months:—
4.8 p.m., Sydney to Bathurst, on Fridays; 4.55 p.m., Sydney to Mount Victoria, on Fridays; 2.25 p.m., Sydney to Mount Victoria, on Saturdays; 6.40 a.m., Mount Victoria to Sydney, on Mondays; and the 1.45 p.m., Katoomba to Sydney, on Saturdays and Mondays.
The 1.25 p.m. Saturday train, Sydney to Mount Victoria, will cease to call at Blacktown, and be accelerated to reach Mount Victoria at 4.51 p.m. (instead of 5.3 p.m.).
The 7.45 a.m. train, Orange to Sydney, will call at all stations, Katoomba to Penrith inclusive, on Saturdays and Mondays, similar to other days, and be due to reach Sydney at 4.15 p.m.
The 2.20 p.m. Saturday train, Bathurst to Sydney, will be discontinued between Bathurst and Eskbank, leaving the latter Station at 4.25 p.m., arriving Sydney at 9.23 p.m. as at present.

MAIN NORTHERN LINE.

The 8.55 a.m. Sunday train, Sydney to Gosford, and the 7.20 p.m. Sunday train, Gosford to Sydney, will be discontinued.
The 9.35 a.m. Sunday train, Sydney to Newcastle, will be altered to leave Sydney at 9.0 a.m., call at all stations and platforms Strathfield to Point Clare in addition to existing stops, and be due to reach Newcastle as at present.
The 2.10 p.m. Sunday train, Singleton to Sydney, will call at Point Clare, Woy Woy, Hawkesbury River, Cowan, Berowra, and Colah, in addition to present stops, arriving Sydney at 8.35 p.m.

Several other minor alterations of a local character will be made on various parts of the line, for particulars of which see time tables.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Railway Commissioners' Office,
Sydney, 25th April, 1904.
TENDERS for the undermentioned WORKS, SUPPLIES, etc., will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, 9th May, 1904:—
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
ACCOUNTS with Plans of Distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on Thursday, 12th May, 1904, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—
GEORGE HARTFORD RIVERS, of 473 Kent-street, Sydney, Importer (No. 15,098), a second account and first plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 8s 2d (eight shillings and two pence) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
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25th April, 1904.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HENRY CULLIP, late of Mullah, near Nyngan, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the Final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the thirtieth day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court, Commission will be applied for on behalf of the Administrator. Dated this twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and four. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. A. J. L. FLASHMAN, Proctor, Nyngan. Agents: Messrs. McDONELL and MOFFITT, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CATHERINE MARY CLIFT, late of Bresa, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the ninth day of June, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and four. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ARTHUR DEERY, Proctor for the Administrator, Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROSA SARAH SAVAGE, late of Singleton, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FREDERICK CHARLES PULLEN and WILLIAM WELLS ROBINSON, the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, George-street, Singleton. WILLIAM WELLS ROBINSON, Proctor, George-street, Singleton. By his Agents, GOULD and SHAW, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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THE COMING OF THE KING.

BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

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CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

It was written in French, but in such a crude fashion as to make it difficult to read. But I saw these words—"Marriage Contract between Charles Stuart, King of England and Scotland, and Lucy Walters, of Ros Martat, in the County of Pembroke, Wales, daughter of Richard Walters." After this there were many lines, which seemed to be meaningless, but at the bottom of the page I saw writing by other hands. I saw the words—

Charles Stuart, by the Grace of God, King of England and Scotland.
Lucy Walters.
Pierre Rousseau.
Francois Abelard.

I saw, *too*, that Pierre Rousseau, was stated to be a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who had performed the sacrament of marriage, and that Francois Abelard, a brother of the Benedictine Order, had witnessed thereto.

"There, you have seen it; now let me put it away."

"No," I replied, "let me read it again; I would commit the writing to memory."

He paid no heed to me, however, and before I well knew what he was doing he had struck the paper from my hands. The box closed with a snap, and he placed it in its hiding-place again.

"You have seen," he cried. "Oh, it is rare fun. Now, then, you must swear to what I dictate, or you will never again see the light of the sun."

"Swear what?" I cried, for I felt angry with myself for having allowed him to put the thing back into its hiding-place.

"You must swear that you will obey me in all that appertains to this."

"That was not in our bargain," I cried.

"But it must be," he cried. "Swear, or you die."

"No," I said, "I will not. And do not think to frighten me. I will keep to my bargain faithfully, but if you in aught do fail on your part, then will I come hither alone, and I will act without you."

"Ah!" he cried, and there was a fearsome look in his eyes. "You defy me, eh?"

"Yes, I defy you!" I cried, for the sight of the parchment had set my blood on fire.

We had moved away a few steps from the place where he had put the black box, but I kept my eye on the spot, so that I might know it again.

"Ah, we must be friends," he said wheedlingly. "Come, my son, I have more to tell you."

I followed him a few steps, and then again I looked back over my shoulder to mark the place where the precious document was hidden; but this, as will be seen, led to my undoing, for no sooner did he note my action than with a sudden wrench he leapt from me, and blowing out the candle, he left me in utter darkness.

I stretched out my hands to grasp him, but he was gone. I stopped and listened to catch the sound of his retreating footsteps, but could hear nothing to guide me, for the place seemed to be full of the sound of footsteps, now coming from one direction, and now from another. Moreover, he wore cloth-soled shoes, which made but little noise, so that I was utterly unable to locate him. Presently I thought I heard him cackling, as I had heard him more than once before when he was well pleased with himself. Without an instant's delay I rushed to the spot whence I thought the sound came, but only to strike my head with a terrible thud against the rocky side of the cavern.

What happened after that I do not know. I have a vague remembrance of falling to the ground, and then rising and staggering away in the darkness, but whether this was only fancy or fact, it is not for me to say, seeing that nothing was clear to me.

Presently, when I woke to consciousness, I found myself lying in the darkness. Not a ray of light came to me anywhere, neither did I possess any means of kindling one. My head ached, and my whole body racked with pain. How long I had lain there I knew not, neither was I able to calculate. All I knew was that I was in as sad a plight as any man could be. But I determined not to give up hope. If there was a way into this place there must also be a way out, and thus I set to work to try to find out my whereabouts. I was not long before I touched the side of the cavern, close to which I groped until I came to an opening.

"This will lead back to the house," I reflected, and buoyed up with this hope, and keeping my hand by the side of the tunnel, I followed its windings for some distance, only to come to a sudden stop, for I found that the place ended here. I therefore turned again, determining to enter each level in turn until I should again find my way back to the man whose wits had been keener than my own.

The second tunnel was shorter than the first, and ended in the same way, so again I returned to the large cavern, and keeping over to the right hand, so as not to enter any one of them more than once, I again groped along in the darkness.

Even then I tried to find the place into which the old man had put the black box, but in this I was unsuccessful. Had I a light, I felt sure I could have found it, for I had marked the place carefully; but, as I have said, I was in utter darkness, neither had I the means of obtaining light.

After a time I was well-nigh despairing and I felt sure that old Solomon intended the place to be my grave. The more I tried to find my way out, the more confused I became. Still I was young and strong, and youth does not for long give way to hopelessness.

Of the thoughts which passed through my mind, or of the plans I made, as well as the schemes of vengeance I meditated upon, I will not speak. For while they were doubtless natural, they had so little of sense in them that they are not worth recording. Only one plan, indeed, promised aught, and that was to lie still until old Solomon came to seek me, as I felt sure his curiosity would compel him to do. But that was given up, for as I reflected, it would be terrible to lie there in the cold and in the darkness; besides he would doubtless wait until lack of food had so weakened me that he would be able to work his will on me.

I therefore continued to examine each level or tunnel in turn, and in this I had to manifest great care, for there were many pitfalls which would easily lead to a man's death. How long I remained in the darkness I know not, neither for that matter do I care to dwell upon the endeavours I made while there to find my way to the light, for even now, after the lapse of years, I shudder to think of my sufferings during that terrible time. For if there is one thing harder than another to bear, it is to be alone in black darkness such as I was. I have faced death more than once, I have suffered imprisonment in a noisome evil-smelling cell, I have had to stand face to face, with dread alternatives; but at no time do I remember such bitter despair as I felt then. And this any man who hath imagination can easily believe. For I had no other prospect than a slow death amidst darkness and loneliness. Could I have heard a human voice, I do not think I should have minded so much; but nothing could I hear save the echo of my own sighs, while the darkness was so great that it could be felt.

Moreover, I presently grew faint and weak. I needed food sadly, while even worse than hunger was the thirst that presently got hold of me. My body grew stone cold, and yet my throat became parched and burnt.

"This must be hell," I thought to myself. "I am become like the rich man in the New Testament—ay, I am worse than he, for I cannot see one afar off to whom I can cry."

Presently, however, in spite of my suffering, I fell asleep, and when I awoke I felt better. My head ceased to ache, and though I felt very weak, my tongue had become cool again.

"Thank God," I cried out in my joy. "O, great Lord, who didst suffer for the sins of the world, be pleased to help me in my dire *distress*."

But no answer came to my prayer: only silence, a great and terrible silence, filled the place. Nevertheless, my prayer gave me hope. If God lived, I reflected, I was in His keeping here in the bowels of the earth as truly as if I was aboveground. This feeling put new heart into me, and I determined to make another effort.

I had now no knowledge concerning the levels I had explored, but I kept on praying for guidance, and ere long I found myself in another tunnel, although whither it led I no more knew than a child but last night born.

I could not help reflecting, however, that the air grew purer, and presently I put my foot in a pool of water. Giving no time for reflection as to whence this water came, I knelt down and took a long deep draught, and immediately I felt a new man. A great confidence possessed me, the hideous time which I had been passing lost much of its terrors, and while I was still in black darkness. I felt sure I was moving towards the light.

I therefore pressed onward, feeling the air grow purer and purer at each step, and then I fancied that, instead of gazing into black darkness, I saw a darkness that was grey. I held my hand before me, and thought I could see my fingers move. This inspired me with still greater hope, and after a time my hope became a certainty. I could even see the sides of the tunnel in which I walked. A few minutes later a streak of light, very small but very distinct, reached me. I realised, moreover, that a little stream of water trickled along the bed of the tunnel in which I walked, and ere long I saw what appeared to me to be a small hole which led to the light.

At this time my heart filled with a great joy, and in spite of my weakness I shouted aloud for joy. I bethought me of the Psalms which I had heard the Puritans sing: "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; they fell down and there was none to help; then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distress."

Never surely did man thank God as I thanked Him then, and when, a little later, I crept out of the level through a hole scarce big enough for a man to drag his body through, I could scarce breathe for very joy. I heard the birds singing, and looking above me I saw the sunlight piercing the trees which grew above me. Then I think I fainted, for I remember falling down, while all became dark again.

When I woke I found myself lying where I had fallen, and although I was terribly weak I had still strength enough to look around and take notice of my surroundings. I saw that that mouth of the level out of which I had come was closed by a great heap of fallen debris, save for the hole through which I had come. It was much overgrown, too, and a man might pass it a hundred times without seeing it. There was another thing which struck me also. Not a footmark of any sort was to be seen, not a suggestion of any sort that anyone had visited the place. Huge heaps of stones and rocks were around, but they had become overgrown by bushes and trees. The place seemed far away from human habitation.

"Father Solomon knows nothing of this entrance," I reflected, "and he believes that he left me there to die. Well, all the better; the time may come when I can make use of my knowledge."

After making careful examination I rose, and found my way slowly from the place. I took what I believed was the seaward direction, and after walking well-nigh a mile through a wood, I saw a cottage among some fields. It was with much difficulty that I reached it, but I succeeded at length, and presently saw a peasant woman lighting a fire outside the cottage door.

"What's o'clock, good dame?" I asked.

"Six o' th' mornin'," she made answer.

"Then perchance you can give me some breakfast," I said.

"I've nothing but milk and bread," she answered, looking at me suspiciously.

"For which I will pay you well," I replied, taking a coin from my pocket.

The sight of the money altered her behaviour with wondrous quickness.

"It's all ready," she replied. "Th' milk is boilin' and the bread be in the dishes. My man will not be here for a minute or two, but there's no need for you to wait, young master."

Hunger made me ravenous, and I gave no thought to others. I doubt not the bread was black and heavy, but the milk was sweet, and I partook of it greedily.

When I had finished it seemed to me as though my strength had come back to me as if by a miracle.

"Will ye 'a' more, young master?"

"Presently, presently," and I gave her the coin I had promised.

"Ah, there be my man comin';" and I noticed a farmer's son come up, who looked at me wonderingly.

It was at this time that I realised the condition of my clothes. They were covered with dirt, and catching reflection of my face in a bucket of water, I saw that it was much bruised and smeared with blood.

"I will have a wash, good dame," I said, "after which I would like to talk with you."

"Ay, and 'ere's water, master," she said; and washr myself while shed looked on in silence.

(To be continued.)

ROYAL COMMISSION ON LOCOMOTIVES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The report of the above commission has appeared in and been commented on in your columns. You have also given some lengthy extracts from the evidence which probably express your views and also the employers on the subject, and I would ask you to allow me in your widely-read paper to make some remarks on it from our point of view, thus to some extent giving the public both sides of the question.

That part of the report I wish to deal with in this communication is contained in appendix 14, put in in evidence by Mr. Carruthers, showing in tabulated form the rates of wages paid in Glasgow, Manchester, and at the Eveleigh workshops, and the percentage of increase of local above home rates.

On behalf of the engineers I have to enter an emphatic protest against the basis on which this table has been constructed. The rates quoted there for the various branches of the engineering trade in Britain are taken from one of our lists which my society publishes annually. These rates are our minimum rates, the same as 10s per day is our minimum rate here, but there as well as here, a great many men are paid considerably more.

Now to make a fair comparison, if our minimum home rate is taken our minimum Sydney rate must be taken, but such has not been done. Our "minimum" Glasgow and Manchester rate has been put against the "maximum" rate at Eveleigh. Take, say, our 6s per day in Glasgow against our 10s per day here, that shows a difference of 40 per cent., not 98 per cent. as stated in the report.

These figures were put before me by Mr. Thow when I was giving evidence before the commission, but there was neither time nor opportunity to study them there, but on thinking them over afterwards I came to the conclusion there must be something radically wrong in the calculations. In response to my request Mr. Thow very kindly supplied me with a copy. When I had gone over the figures and the rates paid at Eveleigh as published by the Railway Commissioners I saw where the error was and the injustice that was being done to the local workmen, but by that time it was too late to appear again before the commission, so I had to content myself with pointing it out to Mr. Thow.

Not only is the percentage computed on an entirely unfair basis, but the figures are not as correct as you would expect them to be, coming from the office of the locomotive accountant. For instance, take coppersmiths. He quotes our Manchester rate as 5s 4½d per day; our list shows it to be 38s per week, or 6s 4d per day, nearly 1s per day more, and to be perfectly fair I am quoting from a list of the same date as he is. Also in this particular case the wages of the foreman at Eveleigh have been counted in to help to swell the average. No wonder the percentage of increase is high. Blacksmiths' rate is swollen in a similar way. There are forgers at Eveleigh getting 15s per day (they would earn about that rate at home), who are not included in our list at all, but they are apparently all gathered in to swell the average and help to make out a case against the economical manufacture of locomotives here.

Now, Sir, we have no objection to our home rates being quoted if it is done fairly, but in this case it is not, for figures have been strained to their utmost to make out a case against local manufacture.

As to the difference in the hours worked, nine hours per day at home against eight hours here, that may safely be left out of the calculation, as employers here acknowledge that a workman here will turn out as much work in a day as his home brother, and it has been proved (and in the Manchester district) that as good results can be obtained working eight hours per day with one break as working nine hours with two. All mechanics with home experience are unanimous that the working pace is much faster here. *One of the Commissioners*, Mr. Nutt, stated that in his experience it was 25 per cent. faster. As I stated before the commission a comparison of this kind cannot be made by a few figures, other circumstances must be taken into consideration, and when these are fairly weighed the difference is not more than from 25 to 40 per cent. Appendix 15 gives a number of towns and the rate of wages paid there, but it is beside the question altogether, as no locomotives are made there, or at least none for Australia. But I notice all our higher paid engineering centres, such as London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield, Sunderland, Newcastle, Barrow, and many others, are conspicuous by their absence.

But I have said enough to show how unfairly figures have been used to prejudice the manufacture of these engines locally, and especially in the Eveleigh workshops.

In a future issue, if you will allow me, I will return to this subject and offer some remarks on the evidence, some of which is far from being correct.

I am, &c., WILLIAM E. BELL,
President Amalgamated Society of Engineers (Sydney district).

"PRISON-MADE GOODS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The importation into Australia of goods made by prison labour is prohibited, but it is nevertheless true that goods made in the prisons of New South Wales by convict labour are sold and compete with goods made here by free workmen. Tenders were lately called for by the Commissioners for Railways for supply of brushes for 12 months, July, 1904–1905. Such goods have been made and supplied, under contract, to the Commissioners for many years by the brushmakers of Sydney. To the surprise of the trade none of the tenders sent in by the brushmakers were accepted, and I understand the brushware required is to be supplied by the gaols. This, I think, is totally unfair to a steady and industrious body of men, who are already handicapped by the competition of cheap German, Italian, and Japanese-made brushes, and if they must now compete against the convict labour of their own prisons their prospects are poor indeed. It would be of great interest to the trade to learn how the cost of goods made in the gaols is arrived at and the proportion charged for labour, and if the quality is equal to goods made by trained and free workmen. My experience teaches me that brushes made in gaols are not the best. There are so many gentlemen, Ms.L.A., Trades Hall officials, &c, supposed to be ever on the watch to discover any injustice to the working man, that I am surprised there have not already been public meetings held and such a scandal trenchantly denounced.

I am, &c., BRUSHMAKER.

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THE KENNEL.

BY W. C. J.

SHOW DATES.

Victoria Field Trials	June 4, 5, 6
Prahran (Victoria)	June 9-11
N.S.W. P. P. C. and Dog Society	June 22-25
Kennel Club, N.S.W.	July 7, 8, 9
Victoria P. and K. Club	July 27-30

Double First, Mr. W. Hamilton's latest investment in fox-terriers, arrived in Sydney by the Dimboola on Sunday. Mr. Hamilton informs me that he is very pleased with the son of Champion Don Cesario and Champion Duchess of Durham.

The committee of the Kennel Club of New South Wales met on Friday at the club-room, Imperial-chambers, Pitt-street. The chairman was Mr. Alban Gee, and also present were Messrs. A. B. Hellmrich (hon. sec), H. A. Feather (hon. treas.), W. Carding, A. T. Noyes, J. L. Hughes, H. A. Richardson, H. P. Gorman, and E. Burns. A letter was received from Mr. A. A. Armstrong, hon. registrar, resigning from the club owing to business demands. The chairman said that he was very sorry to hear of Mr. Armstrong's resignation, as he had taken great interest in the affairs of the club, and scarcely missed a day in his attendance at the club-room. The registration of dogs, in his hands, was kept quite up to date. It was decided to forward a letter to Mr. Armstrong, regretting that the club had lost so efficient an officer. Letters were received from Miss Humfray suggesting a junior class for Yorkshire terriers; from T. J. O'Loughlin, H. Thompson, and others asking that a class might be provided for long-coated silver terrier from 13lb to 16lb in weight, and from Mr. L. I. Moss regarding Australian terriers. It was resolved that the consideration of these letters be deferred until the prize schedule was being compiled. Mr. Feather read a short statement regarding the finances. Mr. A. B. Hellmrich was appointed hon. registrar in place of Mr. Armstrong, resigned. Mr. Kennedy, of Hunter-street, Sydney, was elected a new member. The chairman announced that the bulldog picture presented by Mr. Jowett was being framed. The meeting adjourned till Friday next. It was understood that a general meeting of the members would be held next week.

There are (says the kennel editor of the Melbourne "Weekly Times") now several very strong kennels of fox-terriers both in New South Wales and our own State. The appearance of the top-notchers from the whole of these kennels would certainly be an excellent draw to any of our annual exhibitions in either State. But there appears to be a certain amount of conservatism in the fancy, and something always crops up to prevent a representative collection being benched. Our northern fanciers are particularly strong in this breed, and in conversation with some of them whilst over at the Royal, they expressed a wish to bring over a team to our exhibition if the conditions are suitable. The selection of an adjudicator appears the principal difficulty. There is, of course, much trouble in selecting a judge who would find favour with all exhibitors. The executive of our Kennel and Poultry Club might with advantage give this matter their serious consideration, and should the interstate breeders send over their teams the combination, with the exhibits from our own State, would ensure the finest and best collection of fox-terriers ever seen at a show in the southern hemisphere.

From the Railway Bookstall Company I have received one of the most useful and interesting little canine books ever published. It is entitled "The Dog Owner's Annual," and it is intended as a guide to dog showing. Its author, Mr. Edgar Farman, is a member of the English Kennel Club and a prominent London solicitor. Some of the contents of the 145 pages are:—A Calculating Table, Elementary Hints for the Novice, Varieties of Dogs with an illustration and description of each breed, Glossary of Terms, Kennel Club Forms of Guarantees, Agreements and Licenses. Special articles include a delightfully written humorous sketch on "The Kennel Club and its Contents," "A Legal Chat with Show Committees," "Kennel Club Rules Made Easy." A comprehensive "List of Dog Clubs" which gives names and addresses of secretaries, "Hounds and their Masters." The Annual is profusely illustrated with pictures of well-known dogs and contains, besides, several clever and amusing sketches. In the article "On the Kennel Club," witty pen pictures are given of some of its members. Here are a few extracts:—"The vice-chairman, J. C. Tinne, an Oxford Blue, is a solicitor by profession, or at least was, as he has no clients; he turned them from his door years ago as he prefers fox-terriers much better and the life of a country gentleman to 'Chitty on Contracts.' . . . Speaking of the Church reminds me of the lower regions, not that either has got much to do with dogs, but the club once owned a thermometer. The said thermometer was stolen, and the following notice appeared:—'If the gentleman who stole our thermometer will be good enough to return it we shall be much obliged. It will be no use to him where he is going, as it only registers 120 degrees.'" Writing of Mr. J. E. Shirley, president of the K.C., whose sad sudden death was lately reported, it is said:—"He lived at Stratford-on-Avon even before Marie Corelli arrived. He founded the K.C. in 1873, and has been its chairman ever since." . . . "Before poor Phil May died Phil used to come along sometimes. He was good company, and good natured to a degree. He could sketch with anything—a charred match for preference."

In his "Legal Chat" Mr. Farman gives show secretaries many a useful wrinkle. "Sometimes a secretary *accepts* entries without cash payment. This is right if the cash follows; but supposing it does not, the entry is void. An entry can be refused without payment; but if it is accepted without cash it is perfectly binding, and the only remedy is to sue for the money. In the case of a proposition to enter without cash payment, the secretary should write on the receipt that its acceptance is subject to receipt of the cash prior to the show opening." . . . "Men should never join a committee unless they first satisfy themselves that their fellow committee men are substantial persons; otherwise one man may find himself burdened with the payment of the whole of the prize money." Here is a bit of information of general interest:—"Bank a cheque at once, because if there is unnecessary delay in paying it in, and the bank on which it is drawn suspends payment in the meantime, the committee will have to bear the loss, and not the drawer of the cheque. Some time ago a clear £150 was lost this way." . . . "Dog show committees are not liable for the bite of a dog whose propensity to bite is not known to them; but they are if they do know, or if they be warned and take no precautions."

A Few Doggy "Don'ts."—Don't think your dog the best if it's beaten. Study its defects, and try to breed a better. Don't lose your temper in the ring. Don't think you have been cheated because you are beaten. Don't demand of a judge in the ring his reasons for the place he puts your dog in: not even if he puts your dog first. Don't show young puppies. They will probably develop distemper afterwards and die. Don't pat a strange dog. It may bite you, and you may carry disease from one dog to another. Don't do anything discreditable in connection with dogs, nor anything else.

The prize schedule of the Victorian Poultry and Kennel Club's Show will be issued in a few days.

South Head Fagan, Messrs. Dugan and Burne's Irish terrier, recently whelped seven puppies sired by Springfield Mick.

Last week our English visitor, Mr. J. Atkinson-Jowett, presented to the Kennel Club of New South Wales a very fine photogravure of seven bulldogs, inscribed "The Seven Champions of Christendom." The dogs represented are Prestigious, Regal Stone, Broadlea Squire, Prince Albert, Clansman, Floradora, and Kentish Pride. The photogravure has been produced with great softness of tone and spirit in the composition. At the hurriedly arranged presentation several members of the K.C. committee were present. Mr. Alban Gee, in thanking Mr. Jowett for his beautiful picture, said it was a work of historical interest, and would be treasured by the members as long as the Kennel Club existed. Mr. Gee added that our local club was proud to be the daughter of so grand an association as the English Kennel Club, and would endeavour to follow its lead in matters relating to dogs. Mr. Atkinson-Jowett said that the original of the picture was painted to his order by Mr. Arthur Wardle. He was glad to have met some of the members, and trusted that their club would have a prosperous future. Mr. Atkinson-Jowett left for Japan by the Eastern last Wednesday. He purposes travelling for some time and will return to the old country by way of the United States.

Concerning the picture referred to above, the London "Field" says:—"Of all animals difficult to paint satisfactorily to its owner, the ordinary British bulldog, as we see him on the show bench, takes precedence. So far as beauty is concerned, he has no pretensions; still, his admirers look and linger over him as though he were an Adonis. His heavy limbs, huge head, peculiarly shaped body, low-set stern, and extremely wide chest are points in which all his excellence lays—attributes which would be quite out of place in any other dog. Then, too, his expression is distinctly his own; and when all these merits are combined in one animal the perfect bulldog is found."

Mr. Bottomley, who is one of England's leading exhibitors in greyhounds and whippets, was in Sydney with Mr. Jowett, with whom he is travelling.

I regret to hear of the death at Breakfast Creek, Brisbane, of Mr. George Smith, the most noted bull terrier breeder of Queensland. Four or five years ago Mr. Smith secured from Mr. T. K. Stranes, of Sydney, two champions in Philgarrie and Sweet Marge. With this pair and their progeny he did a lot of winning at northern shows.

News of the Manchester Show came to hand by yesterday's mail. There were 2270 entries, represented by 1037 dogs. Bulldogs were responsible for 224 entries, and most of the cracks came out. In over 40lb dogs Broadlea Squire scored over Regal Stone and Lord Burley, behind whom were Nuthurst Doctor, Felton Prince, and others. In under 45lb Prince Albert again asserted his superiority, and subsequently won the championship, beating his son, Broadlea Squire. He was succeeded by Lord Milner, Master Merlin, Fortunatus, etc. In bitches over 40lb Mistress Penfold won, but she was beaten for the championship by Miss Bute, the under 40lb winner. Fox terriers made very big classes, and many well-known ones and some good new faces were benched. Mr. A. H. Clarke judged the smooths, and placed in open dogs the novice, C. T. Procter's Sylvan Star, before South Cave Leger (late Sellinger) 2, and Captain Double 3. Doncaster Dominie, the Palace winner, being fourth. Sylvan Star took the challenge cup and a host of specials. In open bitches, Cymro Queen beat Haydon (late Dark), Roby, Glory Quayle, and others. In the next class, however, Mr. Gillett brought out a smasher in Ridgewood Doris, who defeated all the cracks mentioned—dogs included—for the best of the breed special. Collies were a good collection. Open dogs went to Wishaw Leader, a handsome tri-colour, with fine head and ears, immediately following him being the sable-and-white Annandale Piccolo, whilst third went to an exceedingly nice puppy in Annandale Olympian, who bids fair to grow into one of the best collies of his day. Edna won in bitches, followed by Sunnybrae Fearless.

The numerous standards recently forwarded by English specialists' clubs to the Kennel Club of New South Wales were accompanied in some instances by letters. Mr. R. F. Scarlett, hon. secretary of the Italian Greyhound Club, says: "New South Wales should be a very good place for breeding these dogs, and I hope a start will be made to introduce a good strain, when they should soon make their mark." Mr. W. R. Crofton sends an attractive booklet of the Beagle Club's rules, and adds: "I shall be happy at any time to give any help or information required by 'beaglers' in your country if they write to me." The president of the Beagle Club, I may add, is our late Governor-General, the Marquis of Linlithgow. Sir Cland Alexander, Bart., writes enclosing the standards of the Skye and Clydesdale Club. Captain Barry, hon. secretary of the Dachshund Club, says: "I have much pleasure in forwarding the standard points. Should any of your members wish for Dachshunds I can sort them out if they will say sex, colour, and price."

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PROBLEMS OF THE WEST.

A GENERAL SURVEY.

BY C. B. F.

IV.

When discussing the problems of the West with those most concerned it was easy to see that many of the difficulties raised are very real. Others are not so serious as they are made to appear. With irrigation, for instance, objection was taken to the risks anybody would incur who ventured to put a substantial dam across a watercourse if people below him happened to be cantankerous. On the Bogan this form of argument does not appeal to the dispassionate observer, because at present there seems to be little or no live interest in irrigation. The necessity for conserving water is naturally accepted, and dams exist. But the idea of obtaining a good head of water for distribution finds little practical favour. The soil is so thirsty, such volumes of water would be required "to give everybody a show," the fall of the land is so small—something like a foot in a mile through a wide area—and the general outlook is so unsettled that nobody cares to stir. Such is a summing-up of the situation from the point of view of the man on the spot.

"Why, three feet of water at a dam runs back two or three miles," was the remark of one critic. "What good would that do?" he asked.

"Would not six feet, then, give more water—serve more people?" I rejoined.

"But how long would it last?" was the pessimistic retort.

The enthusiast who had actually built a dam, and up to two months ago had irrigated half an acre round his house, declared that many of such alleged difficulties were imaginary. The Bogan, he insisted, was infinitely better than the Macquarie for irrigation, as the water need only be raised 10ft from the former as against 30ft from the latter. Expense of lifting was thus reduced, and there was otherwise fall enough to carry the water round all the needed channels by gravitation. What formed such an object lesson in his own case, as I have already remarked, was the vigour of everything growing, although no irrigation had been attempted for two months. With the subsoil well soaked, nature by capillary attraction could keep fruit and vegetables going, and there was in effect a reservoir underground. The water poured out month by month had not been wasted, but was simply stored. Australia in this way may duplicate the experience of Canada, where the rain, snow, and ice of winter are absorbed during the thawing which precedes the summer, to be returned as moisture when a hot sun searches the soil. Canada's wonderful wheat crops are due to this action, and there, of course, nature works an annual miracle on her own account. Here she will do a great deal more if man can provide the initial machinery, for the sun is a mightier force than in Canada, and the soil is everything that can be desired. These are details in the problem as it affects the storage and distribution of water.

On the general issue it may be said that directly any real and intense interest is taken in irrigation throughout the West a way will quickly be found to give practical effect to the wishes of the producers. Riparian rights represent much complication, no doubt, and we certainly may pray to be spared the anxiety, disappointment, and even bloodshed, which have been the experience of the United States in this respect. But these should represent warning and capital for us. Some of the road has been cleared. The thing now is to work out our own problems with the belief that they are solvable, not in the pessimistic assurance that it is hopeless to attack them.

A question of great importance at the present moment in the West is the supply of labour. This touches everything in which the producer is interested; and if it is difficult to get reliable help in ordinary work, the prospects of obtaining good men for extraordinary enterprises is not reassuring. This point was pressed home by inquiry several times during my trip. Everywhere it could be seen that ringbarking and clearing was a very necessary improvement. Moreover, much of the country needed going over again and again, as box suckers seemed a perennial nuisance. No sooner are the large trees dead than the young trees will appear as by magic, sometimes as suckers at the butts of these ringbarked, or as independent. Through a wide area this difficulty has to be faced, and every clearing adds to the capital cost of the leasehold. Contracts have to be let, and many thousands of pounds have been paid and will be paid to keep the country in good condition. Thus one makes acquaintance with the Bogan scrub, and realises how easily the Government threw away good money in some of its clearing experiments. I was credibly informed that land upon which the unemployed had been placed in the district to clear the scrub was as bad as ever, and the money might as well have been given away.

"Who does the work of ringbarking and clearing?" I asked of one run-owner, who had explained how much it had cost him, and what a heart-breaking experience he found it.

"Mostly Chinamen. I determined at one time that I would employ nothing but white men, and I was quite prepared to pay a good price; but it was no good," he said with a shake of the head.

"Was the price not high enough?"

"Oh, there was no complaint about the price, but the contractor said he could not keep a party together. The men would work well for a week or so, and then disputes would arise."

"But surely if contractors elsewhere and in other work can manage to keep parties going, it ought to be possible with ringbarking and clearing," I remarked.

"Well, there are special difficulties. The men that offer for the work do not seem to care whether they go or stay, and with 7s a day offered by the Government in Sydney we cannot expect much out West. No; it has come to giving Chinamen employment in this line," said my informant, as if that was the end of everything.

"Do they give satisfaction?" I asked.

"Aye, indeed. We have no trouble with Chinese parties, except that they are beggars for water. No sooner do they set up a camp than they start a small vegetable garden, and grow green stuff for their meals. But they work right ahead, and sometimes on a hard contract they will start fat and in good condition and come out as lean as rakes. If they make too little money they do not grumble, but they refuse to take other contracts except at a satisfactory advance. You can always depend on them, though."

"And in what condition do they keep their camps?" was my next question.

"Very clean—everything shipshape. I never went into one of their camps without finding a lesson for many of the white men who have come along."

This testimony was general, and I found it offered from one end of the Bogan to the other. But the evidence of difficulty with white labour was forthcoming nearer the coast, where the conditions, one would have thought, were more favourable to the obtaining of trustworthy help. In the wheat belt, for instance, there seems to be equal difficulty. I was told of a large wheatgrower who started harvesting with reapers and binders in the usual way, expecting to have a good run. In the middle of a hot day his men struck. "It was not white man's work," they said, and the machinery all stood idle. Thinking they had the farmer "by the wool," they declined to proceed until their conditions were complied with. It was a very awkward dilemma. Like a true Briton, however, the farmer looked about, declining to admit himself beaten. He remembered that there were such things as harvesters in the market—machines that would cut, thresh, and bag the grain in one process. Forthwith he bought several, and as he had sons enough to see him through, he went to the men who had struck, paid them their wages, and dismissed them. He was at last independent, and though the harvesters represented the investment of a good deal of capital, he did not grudge the money. Machinery and a large family had won the day.

This application of machinery in the solution of western problems seems likely to be general, and one can see possible developments everywhere. I was struck when returning to the railway line from the Bogan with what looked like a waggon carrying machinery by the roadside. The team of horses were grazing, and two shrewd, hard-working men were doing odd jobs in the early morning before starting off again. On inquiry I found that it was a contractor with plough, harrow, and seed drill who had just finished ploughing and sowing 100 acres near by, and was off to deal with another area in the vicinity.

"Is that found to be a satisfactory way of cultivating?" I asked.

"It is often the only way under existing labour conditions," was the reply.

"But this is not a wheat-growing district, nor do you go in for mixed farming," I objected.

"That is one of the reasons why such contractors are coming along. We have some land we want ploughed, and hay is always worth having, but it is a nuisance to undertake the necessary work. These men bring their machinery, and finish the job at a price, and our troubles are over. Then if the rain comes and a crop has to be harvested the contractor will again take charge."

This led incidentally to the discussion of the man "humping bluey" travelling in search of a job, and to the evergreen difficulty of providing rations for all and sundry. The Western lessee is kind-hearted, and cannot bear to think of anybody lacking food; but he admits that there is policy in a course which represents a heavy tax upon him. His woolshed is a vulnerable spot, and haystacks catch fire very easily.

"Where should I be," asked one run-owner, "if I went in for irrigation and had 300 or 400 tons of hay stacked handy for anybody with grudge against me to set fire to."

It was admitted, however, that Mr. O'Sullivan's day-labour ideals and 7s per day wage minimum had drawn a multitude of objectionable characters away, and that the ration tax was not as heavy this year as it had been. Still the question of labour is a serious one, and blessed is the man with a large family. The drawback is when the children are too young to be helpful, and the climatic and financial conditions give extra anxiety. It may be imagined that the recent correspondence in the press on the birthrate and on railway administration has been followed with great interest in such connection.

"Here am I," said a hard-working lessee, "with a nest of youngsters who want a change. I cannot send them to school in the ordinary way, but must pay for a governess. When the usual school holidays are on it is, perhaps, inconvenient to leave home. My wife, at any rate, will not go without me, and often I cannot get away. Later on the road is clear, and we then begin to count the cost of a trip to Sydney."

"Will not the Railway Commissioners grant you holiday rates out of season for the children if you make application?" I asked.

"Not they. Unless the holidays are on I must pay full rates, and it is no joke taking half a dozen youngsters to Sydney and back from Nyngan even at half fares," was the reply.

"But what case could you make out for special treatment?"

"Here is my case," replied the lessee with finger pointed at me and the assurance of a particularly good case in his manner and voice. "I am, first, a good customer of the Railway Commissioners. They carry my wool year after year, and draw revenue from my every necessity in the return loadings. I cannot move without paying them toll in some shape or form. Why should I not, then, receive a little consideration on that ground alone? But, second, I am not situated like other men, as I have already explained, and life in the West is not a bed of roses. We have to make the best of things, and the best is often pretty hard to bear. Why should I not be allowed the privilege of school holiday rates for my children once a year? I ask no concession for my wife and myself, and only want to be allowed to take holidays at my convenience."

"But have you ever asked for the concession?"

"I have asked and have been refused. No argument would move the Commissioners or whoever represented them."

Discussing the question later on with a fine specimen of Western manhood near Brewarrina, another case of seeming hardship was given. It seemed that a young fellow who had never been past Byrock in his life had to go to Sydney with several trucks of cattle, from which the railway department was obtaining a good sum for carriage. As is usual, the stockman received a free pass, terminable on a certain date. When he reached Sydney the show was on, and he wanted two or three days extra to see the sights, but no amount of special pleading served to move the department, so my informant averred. Another pass had to be obtained through one of the Ministers. I give these instances to show what is being freely said and thought in the West. It is well that the facts should be clearly stated instead of being glossed over, and moreover the recital enables me to better present the case of the man who is fighting the seasons in the West, and is making possible what revenue is being obtained from the line beyond Dubbo on to Bourke and Brewarrina. But the whole problem of railway administration and communication rises at this point, and is in itself subject for many articles if there were time and space. Suffice it to say, that the onlooker realises how vital to any successful fight against drought is the matter of access throughout the country. One would think, for instance, that a system of tramways through so wide an extent of level, sparsely settled country would be more economical than expensive railways. If future provision must be made, and money is hard to get, the question will deserve ventilating; but at the present moment it is only necessary to record one's sense of the vital importance of the access already provided. Railway administration generally is doing a great deal for the far West, and so much is generally admitted.

In summing up, the first conclusion one comes to is that many of the problems of the West can only be solved as the individual applies himself to them, and acts with a lively faith in his prospects. At present he is naturally inclined to be pessimistic. The drought has left him a sadder and a poorer man, and the wisdom which has come with experience does not yet prompt him to any special efforts against the future. He is more than doubtful whether he would feed his stock again in the event of another crisis, and he does not see his way to discuss irrigation and storing up fodder as practical questions. What help the Government has given or proffered has made him doubt the virtue of State aid, and he suspects a new tax at every turn. One has only to hear him on the subject of fodder duties and prices in drought-time to understand how bitterly he feels, and how the iron has entered his soul. For the rest there is much that the State must and can do. A Federal Department of Agriculture is inevitable if drought problems are to be attacked with any of the success recorded in the United States, and the special value of such a department consists in the fact that the State departments are not deposed, but energised by the central authority. It is impossible to study the American records and Year Book without being amazed at the wonderful power exerted throughout the Republic by a co-ordination and concentration of effort. Australia is waiting for so much, and our own West will only become the asset it should be when individual and State enterprise are stimulated and multiplied by a great live central intelligence—working free from political interference and red tape.

EMPLOYEES' PICNICS.

The employees of Messrs. Hodgson, Smith, and Co., Limited, Summer Hill, held their 12th annual outing at Correy's Gardens on Wednesday last, and a most enjoyable day was spent. During the evening Mr. Ernest Hoskins gave a ventriloquial and conjuring entertainment, which was much appreciated. The guessing competition for a gold medal presented by Mr. F. Gahan was won by Miss O'Connell. Amongst those present were many well-known commercial gentlemen, including Messrs. G. C. Balls and Page (Paterson, Laing, and Bruce, Limited), Grayson and Pattrick (R. Reid and Co., Limited), Colbran (Messrs. Alcock Bros.), Streeton (Chas. Read and Co.), Reynolds (M'Murtrie and Co.), Mortley (Gow Bros.), Payne (W. F. Friend and Co.), Brown (Hoffnung and Co.), Armstrong (E. Rich and Co.), Moore (Starkey and Starkey). Mr. A. K. Murray and Mr. A. Pritchard, as hon. secretary and treasurer respectively, together with a good working committee, were indefatigable in their efforts to make the outing a success.

The annual picnic tendered by Messrs. James Martin and Co. to their employees was held at Sandringham. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock, after which several toasts were honoured. "James Martin and Co." was proposed by Mr. R. P. Smith (vice-chairman), and responded to by Mr. F. L. Martin. A smoke concert was held in the pavilion, and Mr. F. L. Martin presided, and the prizes won during the day were presented by the chairman.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

MR. COGHLAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Government Statistician, Mr. Coghlan, has issued his annual statement in regard to the position of the manufacturing industries of the State for the year 1903. There is a decrease in number of males employed to the extent of 1863, and an increase of females by 1269. This result, he thinks, must be considered very satisfactory, taking into account the extreme depression which prevailed during a great part of the year owing to the drought conditions of the previous year and the early months of 1903. In the country, many works, especially flour mills and those dependent upon the use of water in large quantities, were unable to start operations until late in the year. The metropolitan district fairly held its own. There were 51 new establishments opened during the year, making a total in operation of 1550. The average number of hands employed was 43,791 as compared with 43,836 during the preceding 12 months. The number of males employed was 32,290 compared with 33,558. In female hands there was an increase from 10,278 to 11,501. There was also an increase of children under 15 years from 619 to 895.

"In the districts outside the metropolitan area," observes Mr. Coghlan, "the total hands employed were 21,881, compared with 22,433 in the preceding year. This shows a decline of 595 males and an increase of 43 female hands. The country industries revived greatly towards the end of 1903, and the last few months saw a rapid increase in the employment afforded in the industries dependent on the season for their success. Among such industries may be enumerated milling, in which over 25 per cent. of the establishments worked for less than three months. Country sawmills also felt the effect of the drought during the early part of the year, as out of the average of 3092 hands employed, less than one-half were working full time."

An inspection of the table that the statistician has published shows that there was a decline in several important industries. There were, however, increases in several others. The engineering trade shows a considerable diminution in the general employment, the average number of hands being 3125 as compared with 3853 in the preceding year. Clothing trades, however, more than held their own, the total hands employed being 15,486, as compared with 14,557 in 1902. The actual number of persons employed in the boot and shoe industry appears to have been slightly greater in 1903 than in previous years, but there was a small falling off in the quantity of boots manufactured. Meat-preserving shows a heavy decrease, both in the hands employed and the wages paid. This condition of affairs was, naturally, to be expected, seeing the dearth of cattle for slaughtering purposes.

The following is a statement of the hands employed in each of the last five years:—

Year.	Number of Hands Employed. Male.	Female.
1899	47,063	8,583
1900	50,516	10,263
1901	51,556	11,674
1902	54,326	11,942
1903	52,461	13,211

A considerable increase has taken place in recent years in the value of plant and machinery in use, also in the engine power used. Although last year, owing to the drought, a deal of machinery in meat works, flour mills, &c., remained idle, the value of plant and machinery in work showed a substantial increase of £213,963 over the previous year's figures. The following are the returns for the past four years:—

Year.	Value of Plant and Machinery.	Average Horse Power Used.
1900	£5,707,610	35,828
1901	5,860,725	44,505
1902	6,795,844	52,813
1903	7,009,806	50,444

The total amounts of wages paid during 1902 and 1903 were as follows:—

	Metropolitan. £.	Country. £.	Total. £.
1902	3,426,022	1,654,718	5,080,740
1903	3,257,108	1,085,504	4,342,702

With the break-up of the drought and the certainty of good returns from the harvest a rapid revival took place in nearly all industries, and it is satisfactory to find that towards the end of the year the various factories and works gave employment to 76,585 persons, as against an average of 65,675 during the whole year.

THE NEW HEBRIDES QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—That all the facts in regard to the above question should be brought plainly before the Australian public seems to me of more importance than the Federal crisis or any other matter of passing interest, and that is my reason for asking you for space to reply to "Pioneer," who writes in your issue of the 22nd instant. The propositions that I have put forward are:—

1. That we have in tropical Australia millions of acres of land exactly similar to that in the New Hebrides, Fiji, and New Guinea, and that we are holding it out of use against the world and all its teeming populations, while our Federal laws expressly forbid us to make use of it ourselves, unless we can do so with white labour.

2. That the only reason why land in the New Hebrides or Fiji has any value is that it is being worked by coloured labour. If our laws applied to these places the land would go out of use at once. New Guinea is provisionally under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the land there has no value to anyone. If it were held by Germany or France it would certainly be more valuable to us as far as trade is concerned than it is at present, or is ever likely to be while its destinies are controlled by the Commonwealth under the present regime, in proof of which I would point to the trade of New Caledonia in the past 20 years.

3. That we have on the Australian continent enough of land to give us ample room and scope with our three and a half million people to carry out all the socialistic experiments that our legislators can devise, and even to repeat the Paraguayan New Australia experiment, without trying to grab any more, and without trying to embroil Great Britain in a war with any foreign country, when we know that if it were not for British protection we would not be allowed to hold even the continental land of Australia, not to try any of our experiments for the glorification of our professional politicians.

To none of these propositions does your correspondent "Pioneer" make any reply. In view of these things, I hold that neither the Federal nor the State Governments of Australia have any right to interfere in the question of the occupation of the Pacific Islands, as such interference is not likely to forward the interests of the people of Australia, nor of the people who have settled in these islands, and if it be claimed that it is in the interests of the native islanders, then in view of our treatment of our own aboriginals such a claim is rank hypocrisy of the blackest dye. If the Imperial Government under pressure from Australia were foolish enough to endeavour to keep the United States, Germany, and France out of the Pacific, as your correspondent urges, the result would probably be the partition of Australia, as these Powers have come to stay, and with the development of the Eastern trade there will probably be more. Our present policy is short-sighted and almost childish. Owing to the natural advantages which we possess in continental Australia the development of Eastern trade and of the Pacific islands by foreign Powers would give us far greater opportunities for profit than we are ever likely to create for ourselves, and if we persist in trying to hold out of use by the "six-hatter policy" the enormous area of land which the Commonwealth now controls, with all its unlimited possibilities of production, then the question of the partition of Australia must soon become a live one, and with our "declining birth-rate" and prohibited immigration we will be powerless to prevent it. Even now there is far more justification for such a partition than in the case of China, or any other country in the world. Great Britain cannot be expected, nor will she always be able or willing, to protect us from the consequence of our misdoings while we exclude her subjects from our shores and try our best to embroil her with friendly Powers (France and Japan), and refuse to bear any but an infinitesimal portion of the cost of our protection. These things should be put plainly before the Australian public, as we cannot help ourselves by burying our heads in the sand, and they are being considered by foreign Powers as well as the mother country in view of the opening of the Panama Canal. That we in Australia would be in greater danger of attack if France held the New Hebrides than we are now with the Germans established at New Britain, Samoa, New Guinea, and other places, the Americans at Manila, and the French at New Caledonia, is not worth consideration, and is only put forward to mislead those who are ignorant of the facts. The greatest danger to Australia is the senseless claim made by our Federal and State Governments that we only have any rights in the South Pacific, and that Americans, German, French, and Japanese are trespassers who should be driven out by the Imperial Government. We do not think of driving them out ourselves, nor suggest that we should pay half the cost of the Australian squadron, though half the trade to be protected and all the wealth of Australia belong to us; and as an Australian I have no hesitation in admitting that in this our action is unutterably mean and contemptible, and our excuse false and hypocritical. Now with reference to your correspondent's charge against me that my opinions are biassed by my objection as an employer to the "white policy," I can say that for 20 years I have been an advocate of that policy as far as continental Australia is concerned. I have many times urged that it is worth our while to make great sacrifices to avoid a race difficulty like that of the United States, although I do not agree with the action taken in the cases of the Petriana, Stelling, or the six hatters. In these cases the labour unions were using a law which they had got passed not for the purpose of avoiding a race difficulty but to forward their own selfish class interests. If "Pioneer" will consult a file of the "S. M. Herald" he will find that when I first wrote on the question of the New Hebrides in your issues November 17, December 1 and 16, 1886, I expressed exactly the same opinions as I do now for precisely the same reasons, and I have done so many times since in your columns and elsewhere.

I am, &c.,
W. E. ABBOTT.
Wingen, April 25.

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"Autumn Bathing at Manly" is the subject of an illustrated article in this week's Mail.—Advt.

LAW REPORT

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1904.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Federal Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Barton, and Mr. Justice O'Connor.)

MUNICIPAL RATES.

NON-LIABILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Municipal Council of Sydney v Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Wise, K.C., Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr. Edmunds, instructed by Mr. P. S. Dawson, city solicitor (of Messrs. Dawson, Waldron, and Glover), appeared for the Municipal Council of Sydney; and Mr. Drake, the then Federal Attorney-General, Dr. Cullen, and Mr. J. J. Cohen, instructed by Mr. C. Powers, Federal Crown Solicitor (by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith), appeared for the Commonwealth of Australia.

This was a special case submitted for the opinion of the Court as to the liability of the Commonwealth to pay municipal rates upon property occupied and used by it within the city of Sydney.

In delivering judgment, the Chief Justice said that in this action the Municipal Council of Sydney claimed to recover from the Commonwealth municipal rates in respect of land situated within the city of Sydney and occupied by the defendants for the purposes of the Departments of Customs, Posts and Telegraphs, and Defence, the land having become vested in the defendants by virtue of section 85 (1) of the Constitution upon the transfer of those departments to the Commonwealth. The defendants claimed that the rates in question, which were made since the date of transfer, were within the prohibition of section 114, which provided that a State "shall not without the consent of the Parliament of the Commonwealth impose any tax on property of any kind belonging to the Commonwealth. For the plaintiffs, it was contended (1) that a municipal rate was not a tax within the meaning of section 114, and (2) that, if it was, the provision of the Sydney Corporation Act, 1879, by which (section 103 re-enacted as section 110 of the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, 1902, No. 35) Crown lands were expressly declared to be liable to rates, was continued in force by section 108 of the Constitution until the Parliament of the Commonwealth should think fit to legislate in a contrary sense, when, it was said the provisions of section 109 of the Constitution would come into operation, and the State law, being inconsistent with the Federal law, would cease to have effect. No such Federal law had yet been passed. A subsidiary contention was that, in determining whether the rate, assuming it to be a tax within the meaning of section 114, was valid or not, regard should be had to the date of the passing of the New South Wales statute, and not to the dates when the particular rates in question were made, and that therefore the rates for 1901 and 1902, made under the Act of 1879, which was passed before the establishment of the Commonwealth, were valid, even if those made under the Act of 1902 were invalid, which, however, was not conceded. There could be no doubt that the right of taxation was a right of sovereignty. Municipal taxation sprang from this sovereign right, and was an exercise of it by delegation to the municipality. It followed that if the authority which assumed to create such a delegation did not itself possess the power, the delegation was void, since the spring could not rise higher than its source. A municipal corporation, therefore, could not have any greater power to impose taxation than the State by which it was created and by which its own powers were conferred. The Sydney Corporation Act did not of itself purport to impose rates, but merely required the municipal council to make an annual assessment of the values of land within the municipality and to make an annual rate of such amount as they thought proper within prescribed limits. It was clear that under this Act the imposition of a rate was the act of the corporation and not of the State, and that that tax was imposed from time to time when the rate for the year was made. It followed that the prohibition of section 114, if applicable, applied to the rate for every year in which it was sought to levy it. It was manifest from the whole scope of the Constitution that, just as the Commonwealth and the States were regarded as distinct and separate sovereign bodies, with sovereign powers limited only by the ambit of their authority under the Constitution, so the Crown, as representing those several bodies, was to be regarded not as one but as several juristic persons. No better illustration could be given than was afforded by the lands now sought to be rated, which, having originally been "property of the State"—i.e., lands of the Crown in New South Wales — had become "vested in the Commonwealth"—i.e., vested in the Crown in right of the Commonwealth. The change in constitutional ownership was accurately and unmistakably denoted by the language of section 85, in which it was expressed. The term "the Crown," as used in the Sydney Corporation Act, must be taken to mean the Crown in its capacity as representing the State of New South Wales. The argument, therefore, sought to be founded upon the assent of the Crown, given through the Governor of New South Wales, to the taxation of Crown lands, failed, since land vested in the Commonwealth or in the Crown in right of the Commonwealth, was not Crown land within the meaning of the Sydney Act. Nor, in his judgment, could the liability of the land, while Crown land of New South Wales, to municipal taxation be regarded as a liability running with the land any more than if the land had afterwards been granted for a purpose which would exempt it from such liability. It was pointed out in argument that under the Sydney Act the municipal rates were a personal liability of the owner or occupier, and might be levied by distress upon the chattels found upon the land; but that distinction did not affect the substantial character of the imposition, which was a tax in respect of property. With regard to the argument founded upon section 108 it was to be remarked that the section applied by its express terms only to laws of a State "which related to matters within the powers of the Parliament of the Commonwealth." These matters were, in his opinion, enumerated in sections 51 and 52. The law in question was one relating to the imposition of municipal taxation under the authority of the State. He was quite unable to see how such a matter could in any sense be regarded as one within the powers of the Parliament of the Commonwealth. Parliament, which was a legislative body, ordinarily expressed its will by a legislative Act, and there was nothing in the section itself to suggest that the prohibition, which was direct and explicit, could be withdrawn in any other way. While, however, the consent required to validate State taxation, as such, of Commonwealth property must be given by Commonwealth statute, the same result might, no doubt, be affected by the appropriation of money to an amount equal to the rates which would be imposed on the same property if it were liable to taxation. The Act of 1879 continued, therefore, in force, "subject to the Constitution"—that was to say, subject to the prohibition of section 114, and the Act of 1902 was subject to the same prohibition. If the tax was considered as merely a tax upon the Commonwealth regarded as a juristic person, or upon its officers as persons—a view which he thought erroneous—other considerations would arise. In that view, the question for decision would be whether a State or a delegated authority within a State had power to affect the Commonwealth or its officers in the performance of the duties cast upon them by the Constitution or by the laws of the Commonwealth. The answer to that question depended upon the further question whether under the Constitution of the Commonwealth the jurisdiction of the States extended to the Commonwealth regarded as a juristic person, or to its officers in the performance of their duties as such officers. On that point his opinion was sufficiently expressed in the judgment in the case of D'Emden v Pedder. For those reasons he was of opinion that the rates sought to be recovered in this action were taxes within the meaning of section 114 of the Constitution, that they were taxes imposed upon property, and that the imposition of them upon property of the Commonwealth was prohibited by the express words of section 114 of the Constitution. He was of opinion, further, for the reasons given in that case, that section 110 of the Sydney Act of 1902 should be construed as not applying to the lands in question. Judgment must, therefore, be given for the defendants.

Mr. Justice Barton and Mr. Justice O'Connor expressed their entire concurrence with the opinions of the Chief Justice, each adding lengthy observations respecting various contentions that had been raised in the case.

Mr. Want asked for a certificate under section 74, which provided that there should be no right of appeal unless the High Court certified that the question was one which should be determined by the Privy Council. He submitted that, with all respect to the High Court, as it was not an appeal case, and the opinion of that Court only had been given on the question, it was desirable to have the opinion of the Privy Council.

The Chief Justice: On what grounds do you make the application? We can only grant the certificate asked for in a case where there are special reasons why the case should go to the Privy Council.

Mr. Want contended that the construction of section 114 had been challenged for the first time, and the question of the imposition of taxation might naturally arise again. There had been no opinion expressed by any other Court, and as a large amount was involved, and the matter was one of special public importance, he thought an opportunity should be given to obtain the opinion of the Privy Council.

The Chief Justice said Mr. Want had advanced merely abstract general reasons, and had shown no special reasons why leave to appeal should be granted. His application would, therefore, be refused.

D'EMDEN v PEDDER.

PAYMENT OF STAMP DUTY.

IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

His Honor the Chief Justice, in delivering judgment in the case D'Emden v Pedder, said this appeal, although the pecuniary amount at stake was insignificant, involved constitutional questions of great importance. The appellant, who was the Deputy Postmaster-General for the State of Tasmania, was summoned before justices at Hobart on a complaint charging him with giving to the paying officer of the Commonwealth a receipt liable to duty—namely, a receipt for salary due from the Commonwealth to him for the month of March, 1903—such receipt not being duly stamped. The facts were admitted, but the liability of the receipt in question to duty was denied. The justices convicted the appellant, and adjudged him to pay a fine of 1s and 7s 6d for costs, to be levied by distress, and in default of distress adjudged him to be imprisoned in the gaol at Hobart with hard labour for seven days. A case was thereupon stated to the Supreme Court of Tasmania, submitting the question whether stamp duty was payable under the Tasmanian Act 2 Edward VII., No. 30, by the appellant, in respect of a receipt given by him in Tasmania to the paying officer of the Commonwealth for his salary for a given period as an officer of the Civil Service of the Commonwealth stationed in Tasmania. The Supreme Court, by a majority (Chief Justice Dodds and Mr. Justice M'Intyre) dismissed the appeal, Mr. Justice Clark dissenting. The material provisions of the Tasmanian Act were as follows:—Section 3 prescribes that from January 1, 1903, there shall be levied in respect of the instruments mentioned in the schedule the stamp duties therein set down. The schedule so far as material was in these words: "For every receipt where the sum received amounts to £5 and under £50, 2d." Section 5 provided that if any person gave a receipt liable to duty not duly stamped he should be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding £5, which under another statute might be enforced by distress and imprisonment. The main question for determination might be regarded under two aspects:—(1) Whether the Tasmanian Stamp Act should be construed as applying in terms to receipts given by Commonwealth officers for their salary; and (2) if so, whether such a law was within the competence of the State Legislature. The greater portion of the argument before the Court was addressed to the second aspect of the question. It was contended that the Act, if so construed, operated as an interference, by way of taxation and consequent control, with a Federal agency or instrumentality; that it attempted to impose a condition which must be complied with by the officer before he could receive the salary allotted to him by the Commonwealth, and that such a condition could not be constitutionally imposed by a State; that the imposition of a stamp duty on a receipt for a Federal salary was in effect taxation of the Federal salary, which taxation, it was urged, was not within the competence of the State; that the receipt was property of the Commonwealth, therefore not taxable; and, further, that the Act, so construed, would be inconsistent with the Federal Appropriation Act, by which, it was said, the officer's salary was fixed. With regard to the last contention, it was sufficient to point out that it was not the Appropriation Act which actually fixed the salaries of public officers. They were not mentioned in the Act. Its operation was rather to authorise the payment, for salaries and other purposes, of sums not exceeding those specified in the schedules to the Act, which included in a lump sum the total anticipated expenditure under the several divisions and subdivisions. The salaries which it was proposed to pay were specified in the Estimates and voted in Committee of Supply. But the Court agreed in the contention that, in considering the validity of legislation under the Constitution, the substance and not the form of the legislation was to be regarded, and that the stamp duty in question was in substance a diminution pro tanto of the remuneration of the Federal officer, just as a tax on bills of lading for goods exported was in substance an export tax on the export of the goods themselves. With regard to the contention that the receipt in question was exempt from State taxation under section 114 of the Constitution as being property of the Commonwealth, the Court thought that the receipt, although undoubtedly it might be described as the property of the Commonwealth for the purposes of a prosecution, was not property of the kind intended in that section, which appeared rather to refer to taxation imposed upon property qua property. His Honor traversed the other grounds for the contention that that law was not within the competence of the State Legislature. In considering the respective powers of the Commonwealth and of the States it was essential to bear in mind that each was, within the ambit of its authority, a sovereign State, subject only to the restrictions imposed by the Imperial connection and to the provisions of the Constitution either expressed or necessarily implied. When a State attempted to give to its legislative or executive authority an operation which, if valid, would fetter, control, or interfere with the free exercise of the legislative or executive power of the Commonwealth, the attempt, unless expressly authorised by the Constitution, was to that extent invalid and inoperative. And that appeared to be the true test to be applied in determining the validity of State laws and their applicability to Federal transactions. The Court had had the benefit of considering numerous decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States upon analogous questions arising from the United States Constitution, decisions which, while not to be accepted as an infallible guide, came as a welcome aid and assistance in construing the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The learned Judges who formed the majority of the Supreme Court seemed to have been under the impression that the doctrine of M'Culloch's case had been considerably modified by later decisions, but that was a misapprehension. It had been suggested, although the point was not pressed by the Attorney-General for Tasmania, that the doctrines enunciated in M'Culloch's case were not applicable to the Commonwealth by reason of the power of veto reserved to the Crown by the Constitution. It was, however, the duty of the Court, and not of the Executive Government, to determine the validity of an attempted exercise of legislative power. Adverting to another misapprehension into which the learned Judges who formed the majority of the Court seemed to have been led, his Honor said they appeared to have thought that, accepting the doctrines of M'Culloch v Maryland as sound law, it was a question in each case whether the attempted exercise of State authority actually impeded the operations of the Federal Government—in other words, that the interference must, in its extent, be such as to cause some actual obstruction or hindrance. It was manifest, however, that the extent of an interference was quite a different thing from the existence of interference in fact. The power claimed for the State of Tasmania was, in its nature, in conflict with the exclusive power of legislation given to the Commonwealth over its own departments, and the greater or less extent to which it might be exercised did not enter into the inquiry concerning its existence. Any State enactment which on the face of it attempted to deal with a matter within the exclusive legislative power of the Commonwealth, and upon which the Commonwealth had legislated, was necessarily, so far as it purported to apply to that matter inconsistent with the law of the Commonwealth. The Tasmanian Act in question, if construed as applying to receipts given by a Federal officer to the Federal Treasury in the course of his Federal duty, would be an interference with him in the exercise of that duty, and would, therefore, be invalid. The operations of the Commonwealth and the acts of its agents as such ought, so far as regarded State control, to be considered on the same footing as if they did not occur within the territorial limits of any State. The State law in question was passed after the Federal Postal Act had become law, and the Court would not be justified in assuming that the Tasmanian Parliament intended the general words of their enactment to have an application which would conflict with the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The Tasmanian statute under consideration, therefore, should be construed as not applying to a receipt given by a Federal officer under the circumstances of this case. For these reasons the Court thought that the decision appealed from was erroneous, and that the appeal should be allowed. The respondent must pay the costs of the appellant in the Supreme Court and the costs of the appeal.

SUPREME COURT.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE SETTLED.

The suit in which John Charles Edward Isaac was the plaintiff, and William James Gifford the defendant, was mentioned, Mr. Langer Owen appearing for the plaintiff, and Mr. Rich for the defendant. The action was in reference to a disputed partnership in a business at Orange. Mr. Rich said that the terms of a decree had been agreed upon, and his Honor, by consent, made the decree in the terms thereof.

A MINING PLANT DISPUTE.

Mr. S. A. Thompson, instructed by Mr. R. B. Parry, appeared for the plaintiff, Selina Ann Wren, wife of Christopher Wren, contractor, of Glebe; and Mr. P. W. Street, instructed by Mr. A. W. Freeman, for the defendants, F. H. Hasenkam and F. L. Hasenkam, of Gulgong.

This was a part heard suit in which plaintiff claimed a one-fourth interest in respect of the proceeds of sale of a certain quartz battery and other mining machinery at Gulgong, such plant having been sold for £240 to the Gold Dyke Gold Mining Company, No Liability, now carrying on operations there. Defendants stated that certain agreements under which the plaintiff based her claim were subject to the consent of one of the defendants, which had not been obtained, and also that the defendants were the sole owners of the machinery.

Evidence for the plaintiff had not concluded when the Court rose.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

RE A. SHADLER, LTD.

A SHAREHOLDER'S LIABILITY.

APPEAL FROM MASTER'S DECISION.

Mr. Knox, instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport, appeared for John Hearn M'Philliamy, who was a large shareholder and at one time one of the directors of A. Shadler, Limited; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, for Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official liquidator for A. Shadler, Limited.

Mr. Knox said this was an appeal from the decision of the Master in Equity putting Mr. M'Philliamy on the list of contributories for £750 in respect of a call made by the company. It was not denied that appellant was a shareholder; the question was whether he was liable to pay, as they contended, the £750 over again. In October, 1901, appellant paid a guarantee of £818 on behalf of the company. The company, on November 28, 1901, issued a writ against him for a £750 call which it had made, but appellant set up in defence of the action a cross action for the £818 which he had paid on the company's behalf. He also issued a writ for the amount in a separate action. By arrangement between the parties appellant's action against the company was struck out, and in the other action, which came on for trial on March 7, 1902, a verdict was given for him for £68, the excess. The judgment was not signed. On April 25, 1902, the company was ordered to be wound up in pursuance of a petition presented to the Court on January 2, 1902. The official liquidator now held Mr. M'Philliamy liable for the £750, contending that the said arrangement and set-off were invalid, as they had taken place after the commencement of the winding-up of the company. He (Mr. Knox) maintained that the transaction was not a case of set-off, but was equivalent to an actual payment by him to the company of £750, and an actual payment to him by the company of £750, plus a verdict for £68.

Mr. Rich read the decision of the Master in Equity, who pointed out that it was clear law that in winding up there could be no set-off by a contributory of his claim as a creditor against his liability for calls. The question was whether the transaction on March 7, whereby a verdict was entered for appellant for £68, was a setting-off or not. If it was not, a further question arose whether the arrangement was bad as a preference under sections 263 and 264. In the Master's opinion the transaction was an agreement for set-off pure and simple; it was just the same as if there had been two actions tried separately, a verdict for £750 recovered by the company in one and another verdict for £818 recovered by Mr. M'Philliamy in the other, and the parties had then, before any steps were taken to enforce the verdicts, agreed to set one verdict against the other pro tanto. It seemed to him that a consent verdict for the balance on a plea of cross action by way of set-off was just the same as any other agreement to set off cross claims, and that it was, in law, an agreement which the company could not make so as to bind the official liquidator. That being his view, it seemed to him unnecessary to decide whether the transaction was a preference impeachable under sections 263 and 264.

Argument was then entered upon by Mr. Knox.

Mr. Gordon contended that the Master's decision was correct, and that the agreement arrived at was a pure and simple set-off.

Mr. Knox having replied,

His Honor reviewed the facts of the case. If the verdict entered for appellant was to be treated as a judgment, one must take care, he said, that it was not observing form for the sacrifice of substance. The verdict of the jury was given purely at the joint invitation of the parties, with a view of squaring up the matter between them. It was merely the machinery for effecting an agreement at which the parties had themselves arrived. It seemed clear to him that that was the real transaction, and if that were so it could not be supposed that merely because the parties effectuated an agreement by means of a verdict that that position was thereby in any way altered. If he were so to hold the result would be very curious. Looking at the real nature of the transaction he was of the opinion that the whole of the matter was in substance merely an agreement between the parties to set off one claim against the other. That being so he had come to the conclusion that the Master-in-Equity took a correct view. He therefore dismissed the summons with costs.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

AN ATTACHMENT WRIT.

Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee, applied to have made absolute a rule nisi for a writ of attachment against David E. Zingel. There was no appearance on the part of Zingel. The sequestration order was made on March 21, and was served on March 24. The rule nisi was granted on April 21 against Zingel, he having failed to file a statement of his affairs.

His Honor: I suppose you do not wish to execute the writ if he files his statement of affairs?

Mr. Palmer: No, it is only to compel him to file his statement of affairs that I ask to have the rule made absolute.

His Honor made the rule absolute, but directed it should lie in the office for a week.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Re John Baptiste Bassetti. The Registrar said that bankrupt had kept no books, and had contracted debts without reasonable or probable expectation of being able to pay. His bankruptcy had been brought about by rash and hazardous speculation, and certain conduct was deserving of suspension. He had been insolvent in 1866, his estate paying only 3¾d in the £. The Registrar found that bankrupt had transferred his property to his son on January 1, 1903, which was an undue preference.

Mr. Shorter, who appeared for bankrupt, asked for an adjournment to produce authority from the children to use the mother's estate, and to bring evidence to show that they were all of age.

The matter was accordingly adjourned to May 10.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Patrick Sheridan and James Meagher. Adjourned to May 11.

Re David Edward Zingel. Bankrupt was examined by Mr. Tress, on behalf of the official assignee. The examination was closed.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Henry Bailey, of Tamworth. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Stephen Vincent Donnelly, late of 29 Newland-street, Waverley, Civil servant. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

William Henry Patrick Cherry, of Vista Marina, Fern-street, Randwick, Civil servant. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Martin O'Brien, late of Llewellyn-street, Balmain. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

James Edison Ikin, of The Terminus Hotel, Cook's River, licensed victualler. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

Before Messrs. A. Oliver (President, C. Brandis and W. Houston (Commissioners).

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Crown.

The Land Appeal Court sat at Darlinghurst yesterday, when the following cases were heard:—

Reference from the Minister for Lands for determination of the capital value of the land comprised in Heinrich Te Kloot's conditional purchases, Nos. 83-150 and 1901-4, and conditional lease, No. 31-196, Warren.

Mr. Cannaway appeared for Te Kloot.

The Court reserved judgment.

Lizzie Henderson appealed against the decision of the local land board in respect of her application for appraisement of the capital value of the land comprised in her non-residential conditional purchase, No. 85-65, Cootamundra.

The appeal was sustained, and the Court directed the local board to proceed to the subject application for appraisement of the non-residential conditional purchase.

John M'Grath appealed against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase and conditional lease applications, Nos. 1704-17 and 1904-17, Mudgee.

Mr. W. Wall appeared for the appellant, and Mr. O'Brien for the respondent. Sullivan.

The case was ordered to be remitted to the local land board to take further evidence as to M'Grath's title to the land by virtue of which the subject application is being made, and to forward such evidence to this Court.

The Court adjourned until 10 a.m. to-day.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Rogers.)

OWNERSHIP OF A RACEHORSE.

This was an interpleader action brought by John Quigley, of Cootamundra, turf commission agent, in which he claimed from Mary King the possession of the black gelding Curlew, which had been levied on by the sheriff in the suit of Mary King versus John Hannah.

Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. Newton (agent for Mr. R. H. Mathews, Cootamundra), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wade, instructed by Mr. T. E. Murphy (agent for Mr. Hogan, Young), for the defendant.

Plaintiff's case was that he purchased the racehorse from John Hannah, of Cootamundra, on March 2, 1903, and held his receipt for same. The receipt stated "for value received." Plaintiff alleged that some years ago he lent Hannah £100, in return for which he got two racehorses from him, which were subsequently sold for £30, leaving Hannah indebted to him for £70. On March 2, 1903, Hannah, to square the debt, arranged to hand plaintiff the racehorse Curlew, plaintiff in return giving him £30. On February 11, 1904, this horse was seized by the sheriff under a writ of fieri facias in respect of a judgment obtained by the defendant Mary King against Hannah.

The hearing of evidence was not concluded at 4.55 p.m.

Mr. Wade said that in this case the onus was cast upon the plaintiff to establish his claim on the horse. The circumstances surrounding the transaction between plaintiff and Hannah were, he held, peculiar and suspicious. He commented on the fact that the parties had forgotten to specify the value of the animal and the receipt held by plaintiff.

His Honor, without calling upon Mr. Lamb, found in favour of plaintiff, with costs.

The Court adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris was Crown Prosecutor.

AGREEMENT OF A JURY.

When the Court opened this morning the jury that had been locked up for the night returned into court, and announced that they had agreed to a verdict of guilty. The case was that of William Hill, who had been charged with conspiring to defraud William Grant Law of divers sums of money. Accused was remanded for sentence.

FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING.

Henry Charles Peters pleaded not guilty to a charge of having at Sydney, on February 29, stolen four tons of pig-iron, the property of Thomas Hodgkinson. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the accused.

The case for the Crown was that prosecutor imported 100 tons of pig-iron. This was unloaded at the wharf for the purpose of being delivered. Four tons of the iron was placed upon a trolly, which accused was to drive. He was to have the iron weighed before delivery, but he failed to do so.

The defence was that accused delivered the iron, and lost the receipt for same.

A verdict of guilty was returned. In remanding the accused for sentence, his Honor stated that had he pleaded guilty the provisions of the Crimes Act relating to first offenders might have been extended to him. If accused persons, however, were determined to fight out such cases they must be prepared for the results that followed.

AN ACQUITTAL.

Alexander Wynyard Joss pleaded not guilty to a charge that he did, at Sydney, on February 6 furiously drive a motor car, inflicting bodily harm to Louis Reichardt.

It was stated for the Crown that accused was driving the car through Elizabeth-street at a very fast pace.

The evidence as to the pace at which the car was driven was not sufficient to convict, and the jury found accused not guilty. He was thereupon discharged.

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING.

Annie Murphy was charged with receiving 17 tons of pigiron, at Sydney, on February 27, the property of Thomas Hodgkinson, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the defence.

The Crown Prosecutor stated that the prosecutor had imported 100 tons of pigiron, and whilst it was being removed 17 tons was stolen. The accused sold the latter quantity to various buyers, and was alleged to have stated that she purchased the pigiron from a person whose name she did not know.

The defence was that all the iron the accused disposed of was obtained from a man who had told her the iron was bought from a foundry that had gone into liquidation. Accused said she had the metal delivered, and disposed of it in daylight, and had no knowledge that it had been stolen. Several persons appeared and gave accused a good character.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy on account of her age.

Upon being remanded for sentence, a commotion was caused in the court by the accused fainting.

ACQUITTAL.

Norman Walker, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting William Lockwood, at Sydney, on February 20, and robbing him of the sum of 10s. Mr. J. B. Mimna appeared for the defendant.

After a brief hearing, the jury found a verdict of not guilty, and accused was accordingly discharged.

LAW NOTICES.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse.—At 10.30 a.m.—For judgment: M'Laughlin v Daily Telegraph Newspaper Co., same v Vale of Clwydd Coal Mining Co.

SUPREME COURT.

Chamber List.—Cor. A. H. Simpson, J., after Equity motions; ex parte M'Kenna, Stoudle caveator, to extend caveat; ex parte M'Kenna, the Australian Brewery and Wine and Spirit Co., Ltd., caveator, to extend caveat.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Lang and another v Bye, at 11 a.m.

It is hereby intimated that all parties must be prepared to proceed on Monday next, the 2nd May, with the motions for rules nisi for new trial, and all other matters which are entered in the term paper for the ensuing second term, and notice must be given to the Prothonotary on or before Saturday, the 30th instant, of all intended motions for confirmation on the first day of term.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Hickson v Hickson, motion for payment out; Minister for Works and Fox, motion for stop order. At 10.30 a.m.: Wren v Hasenkam, part heard.

Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10.30 a.m.: Illawarra S.N. Co., Ltd., and Companies Act, petition for reduction of capital; the Wunderlich Patent Ceiling and Roofing Co., Ltd., and Companies Act, motion for order to file contract with Registrar of Joint Stock Companies; Humphery v Read, originating summons.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Williamson v Coleman, to proceed on accounts. At 2 p.m.: M'Mahon v Cooper to proceed on accounts.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: John Armour, 10.15; Caroline Lange, 10.30; John Cliffe, 10.45; William Fromans, 11; Robert D. Mathews, 11.15; Elizabeth Ireland, 11.30; Simeon J. Blanchard, 11.45; George Martin, 12. Before the Registrar.—To pass accounts: James Graham, 2.30.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Motions for approval of resolution allowing furniture, Herbert John Pippard, Alexander Martin; certificate application, William James Wilson; motions under section 61, James Edward Creagh; single meetings, William Alexander Lingham, George Shalala, Patricia Price, Perry Frank Goodin, Charles Herbert Joel; public examination, Benjamin Farbstein; examination under section 30, Charles Holland Atkinson. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.15 a.m.: Taxation of official assignee's costs, Benjamin Farbstein. At 10.45 a.m.: Taxation of debtor's costs, Alexander Macaulay.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Rogers.—At 2 p.m.: Davis v Marshall.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Charles Rodolph Williams, bigamy. The following appeals will be heard at Sydney Quarter Sessions on Thursday, April 28:—Victor Bunine, vagrancy; Harold Halewood, selling an obscene publication; Rose Stevenson, larceny; George Staples, breach of Liquor Act; Isaac Cocking, vagrancy; Thomas O'Reilly, breach of municipal bylaw; Edward W. Cook, illegal detention; Ernest Montgomery, maintenance; Caroline Jewiss, detention of property; Robert B. Pattison, maintenance; Charles H. Joel, indecent language; Thomas J. Barnes, maintenance; Thomas M'Gowan, maintenance; Michael Edward Doyle, maintenance.

THE CONTINENTAL LARRIKIN.

ORGANISED GANGS OF MURDERERS.

The criminal calendar of this country today has no record of the organised outrage which was related by Paris correspondents in March.

A band of young Paris ruffians, after sentencing one of their number to death, besieged him in his own house until he was compelled to come out, and then, in spite of the efforts of the police to protect him, took his life. The "Love" band, as they were called, who have made the Roquette quarter of Paris unsafe for months past, met in a local wine shop and tried one of their number, a youth of 17 named Verdouque, who was suspected of having given information to the police. A registered letter had been posted to him calling upon him to attend to stand his trial, but, fearing no doubt what was in store for him, he kept away. He was thereupon tried by his fellows with mock solemnity, and was sentenced to death. Lots were cast, and a youth named Philippe, who is only 18 years of age, was appointed to carry out the sentence. The band went next morning to No. 43 Rue Bastrol, where Verdouque lived, and laid siege to his house. The concierge was sent upstairs with a note to Verdouque, calling upon him to come down or he would be killed during his sleep. Verdouque implored the concierge to go to the police, but the man was alarmed at the threats of the band to murder him should he do so. He succeeded, however, in sending a message, and for 48 hours a couple of policemen kept guard over the house. The condemned youth, however, who had been imprisoned in his house for four days, ventured out on Sunday night. Hardly had he appeared in the street when he was surrounded by the band, who held his arms and legs while Philippe plunged a stiletto up to the hilt in the victim's throat, severing the arteries and causing death. The culprits then fled in all directions.

The police late in the evening succeeded in arresting four members of the band while they were attending a ball at a house in the Rue Papincourt. On seeing the police arrest his companions, Philippe came forward and said:—"Do not arrest my friends, they had nothing to do with it. It was I who killed the traitor. I alone am to blame." Philippe was calm and self-possessed, and displayed no regard whatever for having taken the life of his companion, who, he said, was a traitor.

The members of the band were known to each other by a mark or "beauty spot" which they had tattooed under their left eye, and also by another tattoo mark on the arm surmounted by the inscription, "Vive l'Amour."

A TRANSACTION IN HIDES.

ALLEGED EXTENSIVE THEFT.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., yesterday, in the Charge division of the Water Police Court, George Leonard Cooper, 40, a dealer, appeared to answer a charge of stealing a quantity of hides, sheepskins, horsehair, and beeswax, of the value of £201 1s 8d, the property of John Richard Woods, on or about March 12.

Mr. C. Bull appeared to prosecute, and Mr. A. M. Betts for the accused.

Henry Wilson, a senior constable, said on March 31 he had a conversation with the accused and said to him, "I understand that you sold a number of skins, hides, &c, to Mr. Woods on March 12, amounting in all to the sum of about £200." Accused replied in the affirmative, and also said that he received payment for the property. Accused said that he also sent a consignment of skins, hides, &c, to the A. M. and A. Company on March 16 which he had sold to them. Accused said that it did not form any portion of the skins or hides that he sold to Mr. Woods on March 12. Asked if he delivered any portion of the consignment purchased by Woods and Co. between March 12 and 16, accused said, "Yes, I delivered it all; I sent it to him in different parcels."

James John Alcock, manager for J. R. Woods, hide, skin, and produce merchant, trading as J. R. Woods, of Reiby-lane, Circular Quay, stated that it was his duty to go to different parts of the country buying hides, sheepskins, hair, tallow, bones, and station products. He was in Goulburn about February 25, where he heard of the accused, and called upon him and represented himself as a cash buyer on behalf of Woods. It was understood that accused was to have certain skins, hides, &c, for inspection, he being a dealer in such things. On March 12 witness went to Goulburn, accompanied by Mr. Woods. He introduced Mr. Woods to the accused and asked him if he had the goods as arranged, to which he replied, "The goods are here; several parties pressed me to sell, but I kept them according to promise." The first parcel was one of 245 sheepskins. Witness went through them and selected certain skins, 244 of them, which he bought at 2s each. Accused represented that there were other parcels of skins that he had purchased that would be in later on in the day. Accused took witness to his cellar, and witness bought 100 butchers' hides at 19s each, and also a small cask of tallow and about 54lb of beeswax and a parcel of about 50lb of horsehair. The cask of tallow was £2 16s 6d, the beeswax 12½d a lb, and the horsehair 1s 2d a lb. Other transactions took place. Subsequently an invoice was made out by Mr. Woods and signed by the accused. A payment of £201 1s 8d was made in three cheques signed by Mr. Woods. They had seen the stack of apparently 100 hides, 244 sheepskins at 2s, the 3cwt of tallow, 54lb of beeswax, 51lb of horsehair, 200 of the 211 sheepskins, and the 11 hides. They took accused's word that these were the other hides and skins, and they were enumerated as in the account and paid for. The receipt was in accused's handwriting, and witness saw him sign it. Goods amounting to £25 2s 2d were subsequently received. The goods which were purchased according to the invoice had not been received by Mr. Woods or any one on his behalf. Witness could not find the accused. Witness knew the A. M. and A. Company in Sydney, and saw a consignment of goods at their premises answering a description of the goods purchased by Woods from the accused. Witness picked out five or six skins and handed them to the police. They belonged to the parcel of skins witness purchased from the accused at Goulburn, and were portion of the property mentioned in the charge. The consignment to the A. M. and A. Company was subsequently sold by them.

John Richard Woods, the prosecutor, gave evidence in general corroboration of that given by Mr. Alcock, his manager, and several railway officials produced various consignment notes with regard to certain hides, skins, tallow, &c, despatched by accused from Goulburn and delivered to Woods and the A. M. and A. Company.

Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court to be held on May 30 next. Bail was allowed, self in £200 and two sureties in £100 each, or one in £200.

CHARGE OF POISONING.

ALLEGED MURDER OF A HUSBAND.

THE WIFE ON TRIAL.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

The trial of Jane Hetherington, on a charge of murdering her husband, was resumed in the Circuit Court this morning.

The accused deposed that she had 13 children. She did not at any time administer poison or cause Hetherington's death. She had not handled strychnine. She had never told Mrs. Burgess that her husband had been cross with her, nor that she had given him half a bottle of chlorodyne, nor that she would give him some more. No conversation of that nature took place. She also denied having told Mrs. Gilbert, the deceased's mother, that there was trouble about a girl. She denied what Rees had stated in his evidence. She never had conversation about her husband's infidelity. She had not spoken to Sims for three years. Taylor came to the house about snow shoes, not about strychnine. He came three times about the shoes, and refused to take them. He swore about them, and went away. She did not speak to him again. She never told the boy Cecil to get strychnine for Taylor or Patterick, and she never saw Taylor and Patterick at her place together. She denied their conversation. She remembered that deceased had poison 18 months before he died. To the best of her belief he kept it in a locked room. She would swear that poison was nowhere else about the house. She could not read or write. About 18 months before he died the deceased told witness he was going to use poison to kill mice and rats at Giandarra, and she saw him with a parcel in his hand. She had never had any unpleasantness with the deceased. Deceased had suffered for 12 months. He told her that he had hurt his back in the tunnel. Deceased had fits at intervals. The first he had was about 18 months before he died. About three weeks before he died he had fits, and cramps in the legs. She persuaded him to go to a doctor. At first he would not go, but she got the mailman to call for him. When he returned he brought back one bottle, and some pills in an envelope. He took his medicine himself. Witness did not administer it. When deceased came home the night he died he looked bad. His clothes were covered with dirt, as if he had fallen. When he came to he fell from his chair.

In cross examination the witness said she had never mentioned anything about pills before. She had had slight quarrels with Sims and Patterick. Some of the witnesses she knew came to the Court to do her an injury. She did not break the bottle spoken of, but found it broken after her husband's death. Cecil Hetherington, 17, a son of the accused, deposed that when Patterick and Taylor called he got strychnine. The deceased gave him the keys and told him to get it. His mother never had any conversation with Taylor or Patterick, and was not present.

William James Hetherington, a son of the accused, deposed that he did not know of any rows between his father and mother

James Burgess and John Thomas deposed to friendly relations existing between the accused and her husband.

His Honor, in summing up, said that admitting for the sake of argument that accused did administer the poison there was no reason for them to reduce the crime to manslaughter. The issue was murder or no murder. With regard to suicide there was no evidence of premeditation, and one witness had said that deceased told him he felt very well.

The jury retired at 6.16 p.m., and returned at 9.30 with a verdict of guilty.

Accused was sentenced to death.

THE LEICHHARDT TRAGEDY.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE.

When the Leichhardt Council met on Monday night, before any business was proceeded with, Alderman W. J. Pearson referred to the tragic occurrence that had resulted in the sudden death of Alderman H. R. Steward on Saturday last. He moved a motion to record the council's sympathy in the loss sustained to the district by the death of Alderman Steward. The motion was seconded by Alderman A. Fraser, supported by Aldermen J. P. Treadgold, H. Walters, S. Fletcher, A. E. Hearn, N. C. Neal, and the Mayor (Alderman J. Lonsdale), and was carried in silence by the members of the council standing.

Alderman Fraser then moved:—"That this council wishes to convey to the widow and family of our late brother and colleague, Alderman Steward, their deepest sympathy and condolence in their great sorrow and bereavement which they have sustained by the loss of husband, son, and father." Alderman Pearson seconded the motion, which was carried in silence.

It was also decided, on the motion of Alderman Neal, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, that the council should, out of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourn for a fortnight.

THE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—When politicians seem so greatly impressed with the power behind it claimed for the United Licensed Victuallers' Association, publication of the following facts concerning the temperance conference now sitting in Sydney may be both timely and interesting. Those four hundred or so delegates present last night represented apart from the religious sects 10 great organisations, which have scattered all over this State 570 branches, with a present voting strength of about 21,000. Every electorate in New South Wales has from one to a dozen of these branches in active work within its boundaries. The churches officially represented were the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Associated Churches of Christ, and Salvation Army, while the Church of England is represented on the council of the alliance by the Archbishop of Sydney, as well as the Rev. Canon Boyce and others. Therefore, if the churches attain to anything like the degree of unanimity manifest amongst the temperance organisations, as witness the resolution on local option last night, the outlook for the licensed drink traffic and its supporters in this State is serious.

I am, &c, G. J. BRUCE.

April 26.

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POLICE COURTS.

UNLAWFULLY ON PREMISES.

ROBBING "HERALD" LOCKERS.

Patrick Nolan, 18, a printer, appeared at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., charged with having been found for an unlawful purpose, to wit, to steal, in the warehouse of Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on April 23. There was a further charge of stealing an engineer's screwdriver and a key, of the value of 3s, the property of John Fairfax and Sons.

The police evidence was to the effect that from information received Detective Hoskisson went to the basement of the "Sydney Morning Herald" office and there saw the accused, who was detained by one of the employees. To the police officer the accused stated that he came from America, and was on the premises for no unlawful purpose. Accused was searched, and upon him was found a metal railway pass. When on the way to the lock-up the accused said, "I have been looking all over the city for employment, and could not get any. I was starving, and wanted to get something so that I might buy something to eat."

Henry Cleveland, a machinist, in the employ of John Fairfax and Sons, of the "Sydney Morning Herald," stated that between 10 and 11 a.m. on Saturday last he saw the accused in the basement of the building. Witness was going in to work when he heard something moving. He turned up the electric light, and noticed the accused standing near witness' locker. Witness watched him, and saw him go towards the boiler-room, after which he returned to the locker, where he commenced handling the witness' clothes. Witness asked the accused what he was doing there, and not getting a satisfactory answer detained him until the arrival of the police. The metal ticket produced was the property of witness.

Detective Hoskisson said he also found on the accused the screw-driver (produced). An examination of the lockers showed that they had been forced open by an instrument similar to that produced.

Frederick Badham, a printer in the employ of John Fairfax and Sons, stated that the screwdriver and Yale key produced were the property of his employers. The key was taken from his locker. Accused, who pleaded guilty, stated that he was unable to get work, and as he was very hungry on the impulse of the moment took the things mentioned. Upon each charge the accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, concurrent.

BREACH OF THE LIQUOR ACT.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., Sub-inspector M'Donald proceeded against Isaac Scholes, licensee of the Rushcutter Bay Hotel, Paddington, upon an information alleging that he on March 25 sold liquor after hours. Defendant was fined £5 and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

THEFT FROM THE TYSER WHARF.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., John Steel, 45, a carter, was charged with stealing three pairs of leather slippers of the value of 10s, the property of Wm. H. Tyser, trading as Tyser and Co., from the Tyser Wharf, Miller's Point, on April 21. Thomas Rogers, superintendent of the Tyser Wharf, said that the accused was a carrier, and on the day in question was on the wharf. Witness from information received went to one of the nosebags belonging to the accused and found three pairs of slippers, the property of the Tyser Line, Limited. Accused, who elected to be summarily dealt with, pleaded guilty, and was fined 20s, or in default 14 days' imprisonment. It was stated that up to the time of his arrest the accused had borne an excellent character.

A PUBLICAN SHOT.

Edward Peacock, 56, a porter, again appeared before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, to answer a charge of maliciously shooting at Patrick Joseph Costello, licensee of the Clipper's Arms Hotel, with intent to do grievous bodily harm, on April 21, 1904. On the application of the police a further remand was granted for one week, as the prosecutor was still an inmate of the hospital, and not able to attend. Bail was allowed as before.

THEFT OF ELECTROPLATE.

Before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, Ernest James Walsh, 32, an insurance agent, was charged with stealing an electroplated dish of the value of 30s, the property of Wm. James Adams, on or about April 15 last. Accused was fined 40s, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED THEFTS FROM CHURCHES.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., Robert Thompson, a well-dressed man, aged 59, accountant, was charged with stealing a silver hunting lever watch, value £2, the property of Alexander Pirie, on April 22, at Paddington (property recovered). Alexander Pirie said he was attending to some work at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Paddington, on April 22. About 11 a.m. accused came in and asked permission to see the church, adding that he had attended worship there many years previously. Permission was granted, and about 10 minutes afterwards accused left. Subsequently witness went to his coat, which was hanging over the pulpit, and found that his watch, which had been in one of his pockets, was gone. Witness identified the watch produced in court as his.

Accused reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on May 2. Bail was allowed.

Accused was further charged with stealing one crib money-box, containing about 10s, from St. Benedict's Church, George-street West, the property of the Rev. James Furlong, on January 11. On the application of the police the case was remanded to the Central Police Court on Tuesday next.

RELEASING A PRISONER FROM CUSTODY.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., Elijah Tanner, aged 45, butcher, and Henry Vernon Mather, aged 22, waiter were charged with in the company of another man whose name was unknown forcibly freeing a prisoner named William Tanner from the lawful custody of Constable Frederick Henry Clark, at Paddington, on March 31.

The accused were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on May 2.

ROBBERIES BY SCHOOLGIRLS.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., a schoolgirl 14 years of age, named Bertha Schairer, was charged with having stolen from the person of Alice Dorman, 11 years old, the sum of 2s 6d, the property of the girl's father, Mr. W. W. Dorman, of Annandale. Mr. Collins appeared for the accused. Evidence was given that the girl Dorman was sent on a message by her parents, and while she was in the shop the accused came in and told her that her uncle wanted her outside, and that he had a purse for her. The little girl, having an uncle, went outside at the invitation of the accused. She had a half-crown in her hand at the time. The accused said to her: "Your uncle is on the tram; he has a nice purse for you; give me the half-crown, I will put it in the purse and bring it back." The girl handed over the half-crown. The accused jumped on a tram, and was next seen when arrested some weeks afterwards in Paddington. The accused for the defence stated that she never was in Newtown before, and never at any previous time saw the girl Dorman. Her mother gave evidence to the same effect. The accused was convicted, and ordered to be sent to a reformatory for three years. The police then withdrew several other charges of a like nature which they had placed against the girl.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., a schoolgirl named Annie Kerr, 13 years of age, was charged with having stolen a watch and chain, of the value of £4 10s, the property of Annie Madden, at Newtown on December 1 last. Senior-constable Devlin arrested the accused in the Industrial School Convent at Manly. The watch and chain were taken from the dining-room at Mrs. Madden's residence, and was subsequently sold by the accused to another girl for 7s. Accused was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for three months, but the sentence was suspended upon the accused finding sureties to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

STONING A CHINAMAN.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Arthur Bowers, aged 20, was charged with having thrown stones at a Chinaman, one of which hit the cart the man was driving, and the other stone passed close to the Chinaman's head. The accused was fined £1, in default imprisonment for seven days.

WORKMEN IN DISPUTE.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., William Woods was charged with having assaulted James Stain at Newtown on April 18. Accused was convicted and fined £2, together with £1 7s 6d costs, in default imprisonment for 21 days.

A SUNDAY GAMBLING SCHOOL.

For some time considerable annoyance has been caused to the residents of the Glebe living near Federal Park by the presence of a gambling school which had been meeting each Sunday in the immediate vicinity of the park. The police having received several complaints about the objectionable conduct of the frequenters of the school made a raid last Sunday. Sergeant Hogg and a number of constables in plain clothes swooped down on the assemblage, which numbered about 50, including players and onlookers. There was a scattering in all directions, but the police detained five of the men, and yesterday morning they appeared before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., at the Glebe Police Court charged with having played a game called "Heading them" in a spot off Federal Park and near to Lillie Bridge. The names, ages, and occupations of the men were:—Charles Wells, 24, painter; William Riley, 33, labourer; Thomas Martin, 29, storeman; George Wolley, 19, tinsmith; and Henry Tulloch, 34, painter. They all pleaded guilty, and were each fined £2, in default imprisonment for two months.

ADULTERATED LIQUOR.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Inspector Hughes, of the Police Licensing Department, proceeded against several of the publicans of Botany for having sold to him liquor which was not of the nature and substance of the food demanded by him. Robert Marshall, licensee of the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany-road, Botany, was fined £3 and costs for having sold rum which upon being tested by the Government Analyst was found to be 15.9 below the legal standard. This represented an addition of 29½ per cent. of water. Archibald Tulloch, licensee of the Tennyson Hotel, Botany-road, North Botany, was fined £1 and costs for having sold whisky which was 2.4 below the legal standard, representing an addition of 3½ per cent. of water. James Thornton, licensee of the Newmarket Hotel, Botany-road, North Botany, was charged with having sold rum which was 1.8 below the standard, representing an addition of 2¾ per cent. of water. As the amount of water was so small in this case, and other liquors had been found to be up to the mark, the magistrate imposed a small penalty of 10s and 4s 10d costs.

UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Gib Hay was charged with having given on two occasions an unstamped receipt to C. Selway, when such receipts were liable to stamp duty. He was fined on each occasion £2 and 6s 6d costs, in default imprisonment for 14 days.

CHARGE OF HOUSEBREAKING.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Sydney Jamieson, aged 17, was charged with having broken and entered the dwelling-house of James Blatchfield, at Redfern, and stolen therein a pair of boots, of the value of 16s, and several pawn tickets. It was stated that the accused admitted to the police when locked up on another charge that he had committed this robbery, and evidence was given that he pawned the boots for 4s. He was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

DEATH OF EDWARD SLEIGH.

The Deputy City Coroner (Mr. T. R. Icely) conducted an inquest at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday regarding the death of a man named Edward Sleigh, who died at the institution on the 24th instant from injuries to the brain. The evidence showed that the deceased was under the influence of drink on Saturday evening at the Eveleigh railway station, where he was waiting for his train. He was seen to stagger and fall. A railway porter went to his assistance, and afterwards informed the police. The man was taken to the Redfern Police Station, and placed in a cell. During the night he was frequently visited by the officer in charge, who subsequently noticed his precarious condition and conveyed him to the hospital. Dr. Palmer stated that death was due to a fracture of the skull and an injury to the brain. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

In Berlin the tramway companies are making welcome concessions to pleasure-seekers. Anyone can order a special late car on giving 24 hours' notice. The price for such special is £1, irrespective of distance. The cost, divided among a large suburban party, is considerably less than cab fares.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEFENCE CORPS.

Our correspondent writes, under date April 14:—

On the evening of March 29 a public meeting was convened by the Chief Magistrate for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the people as to establishing a defence corps for the island. The meeting took place in the Court Room, the Chief Magistrate occupying the chair. After consideration, and some little talk, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That this meeting fully supports the scheme, and that the Chief Magistrate be asked to submit the same for his Excellency the Governor's approval and support."

The Chief Magistrate and Mrs. Drake gave a large "At Home" in the Government House grounds on the afternoon of the 9th instant, the function taking place on the side facing the road, the refreshment tables being laid under the pines there. The invitation was general, and of course there was a very large gathering, the host and hostess, who are new to the ways of the island, going round and having a few words to say to everybody. On the following Monday afternoon, at the same place, Captain and Mrs. Drake entertained all the children of the island, and they certainly must have been surprised at the number of youngsters that turned up. The weather was beautiful, and the children enjoyed the entertainment.

The Venerable Archdeacon R. B. Comins, D.D., has been appointed by the Bishop of Melanesia chaplain to the Anglican part of the community.

A later letter states:—

The Melanesian Mission yacht Southern Cross, Captain Linker, sailed for the islands on her first cruise of the year, on the afternoon of April 15, and is expected to visit all the mission stations at the different islands, and will be absent about nine weeks. The Mission vessel took the following passengers:—Revs. Messrs. Ivens, Howard, Browne, Brother Milward, Messrs. J. [illegible], Drummond, Andrews, and 71 natives. The Bishop of Melanesia will remain on the island until the beginning of June, when he will depart for the islands in the mail steamer leaving about that date. Archdeacon Comins was inducted into the Chaplaincy of Norfolk Island by the Bishop of Melanesia, in the Town Church on April 17. The church was crowded, and the services were most impressive, all the clergy at the Mission Station taking part.

THE PLAGUE.

THE FIFTH CASE REPORTED.

Another case of plague was reported yesterday. The victim is a man named Michael John Joseph Hennessey, who resides in Reservoir-street, Surry Hills, and was employed as a carter at a fruit and produce store kept by a Chinese in Campbell-street, near the Belmore Markets.

It appears that Hennessey was attacked with sickness at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and at 1 p.m. yesterday the case was reported to the Board of Health as a suspicious one. An examination by a medical officer of the board revealed the fact that Hennessey was suffering from plague, and he was at once removed to the Coast Hospital. His home was disinfected, and the city health authorities set men to work to overhaul the store in Campbell-street. The premises were found to be in an excellent structural condition, and were kept in a clean condition.

The president of the Board of Health stated yesterday that in 1902 four or five cases of plague occurred amongst the Chinese employed in the store. Although the premises then were not as bad as many places in which plague broke out that year, improvements were carried out, and on inspection yesterday they were found to be in a good condition.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS.

The following information was received from the Board of Health last night regarding the condition of the plague patients:—

Henry Mount, progressing favourably.
Robert Webb, progressing favourably.
William O'Neill, condition serious.
William Hennessey, condition serious.

STATEMENT BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The Lord Mayor, speaking yesterday morning with reference to the plague outbreak, said:—"I would like the citizens to know that the City Council is doing all that is required of it to keep the outbreak of the plague within check. This morning the officers were given power to do anything they may consider necessary to this end, and to destroy the rats, which are held responsible for the origin of the plague. They have also been instructed to immediately report any new developments to me. I am very anxious that the staff should leave no stone unturned to stamp out this dreaded disease. I have no reason to fear that there will be any further spread of the plague.

"The sheds at Belmore markets, where the rats were recently found, have been destroyed, while the Dixon-street property, from which the last case came, has been found to be in perfect order."

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

A NEW METHOD.

A correspondent sends a newspaper clipping describing a method proposed by Dr. Leybold, director of the Hamburg gasworks, for the extermination of rats. He has found a destroying agent in carbonic oxide, an odourless gas, which is so poisonous that it kills in very small quantities; it also acts quickly, and reaches every odd corner. A special apparatus was devised for disseminating the gas, which is procured by the combustion of coke. This apparatus can be brought to the side of the vessel to be cleared, and worked from a boat, or can be set up on the ship. It is stated that trials have been made on vessels of the Hamburg-American line with marvellous success. The gas can be used even in a hold full of cargo, as it is no way affects goods, even open foodstuffs being uninjured. The only care needed is in seeing that the hold is flushed by pure atmospheric air and freed of the gas before it is entered by human beings.

PLAGUE IN NEW ZEALAND.

A FATAL CASE.

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

A death occurred yesterday at the hospital from plague. The deceased was a young man who had been employed in the city removing dead rats from a cellar shortly before taking ill. He was at first supposed to be suffering from typhoid, and was sent to the hospital. On Saturday a bacteriological examination disclosed the presence of plague bacilli.

Another patient in the hospital, who also had been engaged removing dead rodents, has developed symptoms which the doctors believe to be those of plague. He has been isolated. The authorities are taking all necessary precautions by the isolation of contacts, and fumigation of premises where the men were employed, to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Acting Chief Secretary (Mr. Perry) yesterday received the following cable message from Sir J. G. Ward, Minister for Health, New Zealand:—"Auckland, Tuesday. —Regret to inform you that one death from plague occurred yesterday at Auckland. All precautions have been taken. The contacts are well, and under supervision."

The president of the Board of Health, Dr. Ashburton Thompson, was asked yesterday if the board would impose the usual health restrictions in the case of vessels bringing passengers to New South Wales from Auckland. He replied that no action would be taken until further details were received from the New Zealand health authorities.

Our Parramatta correspondent writes:—"The lad O'Neill was removed from the infectious ward of the Parramatta District Hospital yesterday afternoon in the Government ambulance and taken by road to Little Bay. The Mayor, Alderman Noller, together with the local health officer, visited O'Neill's home. The place was found to be scrupulously clean, both inside and outside, and the Mayor felt assured that the source of infection was not local. However, to allay any local agitation, he communicated with the Board of Health, and asked that an officer be sent up to make a thorough investigation. He also intimated his intention of taking every precaution in the way of distributing rat poison, etc.

PRISONER RECAPTURED.

About two months ago Lawrence John Murphy, alias John Evans, was being conveyed by Constable Charlie Walsh from the Paddington Police Court to Darlinghurst Gaol, when he jumped out of a tram, at the intersection of Oxford and Flinders streets, and escaped. He had been charged at the court with stealing 23 Austrian chairs, valued at £14 5s, the property of his master, Frank A. Hall, licensee of the Grand Hotel, Ebley and Brisbane streets, Waverley. A remand was obtained, and Murphy was being taken to Darlinghurst, pending the resumption of the case. After escaping he made his way to Albury, where he was arrested on the 19th inst, and brought back to Sydney.

At the Central Police Court yesterday the man appeared to answer the charge of stealing preferred against him. Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail was refused.

The Commercial Travellers' Association picnic is illustrated in the Mail.—Advt.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

OCCUPATION WITHOUT RESIDENCE.

The land settlement scheme proposed by Mr. Carruthers is being very warmly discussed in the country districts. For a very long time there has been a clamour for hard and fast residential conditions, indeed, the Act of which Mr. Carruthers is the author practically ties a man to his holding while it gives him a very slender actual interest in the land. Mr. Carruthers has explained that he favoured his present prop sals in 1894, but Mr. G. H. Reid's opposition to such a clause was too strong for him. It may also be said that the idea is not new, in fact, it has been put into practice in at least one Australian State. All the same, the suggestion that men should be able to hold land without residence until it suited them to occupy and work it will prove very startling to the majority of those who know something of the history of land settlement in Australia. Theoretically a scheme which would provide that workers and business people might put their savings into land, while continuing in their ordinary occupations, is very pretty. In practice it has resulted in the most absurdly transparent swindles on the State. In a neighbouring State a group of city people were allowed to secure valuable lands on some such conditions as are under discussion. The history of this particular movement would make excellent groundwork for a satirical comedy; the actual grand finale is the practical ownership of the lands by a syndicate which "worked" the business from the first. Of course it is very probable that Mr. Carruthers would introduce conditions which might restrict the opportunities for fraud which presented themselves in other places, but it would be absolutely impossible to prevent numbers of the blocks being worked by residents of the districts affected, provided that the land was worth working, for the liability to the State involved in its occupation. The idea that the class of person who does nothing in particular in the city could be trusted to put improvements on land, and work the acres at a profit, while receiving wages, would never be entertained by a practical farmer. The only hope of the non-resident occupier of land is to employ thoroughly experienced reliable men, and then he finds it necessary to exercise very close supervision over all operations. The necessity of the city worker to employ accomplished labour is even greater than that of the experienced country man, who would, at least, know when his money was being laid out to the best advantage. The point missed is that thoroughly competent willing hands and proper supervision are at least as necessary to the settler as capital itself, indeed without these capital soon vanishes, and leaves the employer in a desperate position. Many city pepole have learned this lesson at the cost of the savings of years, during which they shortened their lives with unaccustomed anxieties and bitter disappointments. It is true that a proportion of bushworkers and shearers leave their holdings during certain periods of the year, and earn money with which to meet their payments to the State and keep the pot boiling at home until the land begins to produce something. These men, however, really work their own lands, and if they are in the least successful they quickly find that it pays them best to stay at home. Apparently it is impossible to provide land for the people who are willing to take it up and work it themselves. A large proportion of the land being allotted at present is going to settlers already on the land, who, through the blunders of former administrations, could not secure living areas in the first place. Land can do its duty to the State only when it is worked for all that it is worth by men in occupation under conditions which make success possible in return for hard labour and intelligent supervision. The main object should be to establish a prosperous class of freeholders, holding blocks classified as to size in accordance with natural conditions. Freehold is the greatest of all incentives to proper improvement, and thoroughly sound farm practice. In this State there is an opportunity to impose ideal conditions of farm occupation—eventual freehold with permanent residence on living areas, the title to be held always by the actual occupier of the land. The tinkering conditions in connection with several forms of tenure now administered at enormous cost could well be disposed of for this simple form, and we should soon be on the high road to establishing an independent body of men on the country now held in a most unsatisfactory way.

OUR YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

POPULARITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL.

BRADFORD, March 25.

Merino buyers this last fortnight have been very free supporters of New South Wales wool, and a fair sample has been placed before them. Several times a good shilling per lb has been paid for greasy descriptions, the wool being as a rule sound, shafty, and in fair condition. The last three months of favourable weather had a very beneficial effect on the growth of the staple, hence we do not hear so many complaints on the part of buyers about tender, wasty wools, such a pronounced factor a year ago. In New South Wales wool topmakers have a commodity that is certainly commanding no small attention either at the hands of home trade buyers or even the Continent, for the way good combing grease has been recently supported is the best commentary possible on the useful features which these wools undoubtedly possess. I may fairly say in Yankee parlance that the products of the premier State are "good general purpose" wools, and are suited to almost all requirements of any one section of the trade. As a topmaker's wool, it possesses general excellences which command the universal support of both home and Continental topmakers alike, while our many woollen manufacturers state that they produce cloth satisfactory from every standpoint. There has not been this series any big quantity of either New England or Riverina wools, though the few clips offered have fully upheld the character of these famous wool-growing districts. Anything at all decent has sold this week at practically halfpenny more, though I could not see this series much difference in scoured wools. The good all-round features which New South Wales wools possess are causing them to sell very freely, and to-day they are as good to sell as any class of stock that I know. If some well-known clips were hardly as burry as they have recently shown it would be much better for them, for even with our modern appliances burrs are still a nuisance and a source of expense to the manufacturer.

THE SLUGGISHNESS OF BRADFORD.

If there is one factor which dominates Bradford it is its pronounced sluggishness, there being no two opinions as to the quietness of the trade of Worstedopolis. Spring is here, and we ought to be doing real good business in every department of the trade, but complaints are very strong at the pronounced quietness which obtains in this neighbourhood. There is not even an average trade doing, and while wool is strong and prices steady, still Bradford is very slack. Several wool-buyers were having breakfast at an hotel in London last week, and all hailing from Bradford and neighbourhood the conversation naturally turned on the condition of the home market, when they got to know what Monday's market had been like. An old topmaker and head of one of Bradford's first houses, quaintly remarked that "Bradford still was sleeping, and that it would take a little longer for Worstedopolis to awaken." Continuing, he said in effect that never before in his history had prices kept so steady in the face of such pronounced quietness, and it was his opinion that if trade would only buck up again we should see a marked and agreeable change. Another of the company, joined in, and said that Bradford was 1¼ per lb. below London and that it was practically useless coming to Coleman-street to buy wool for topmaking purposes.

THE BOOM IN CROSSBREDS.

We are unable to look upon the crossbred situation without saying that to some extent we are encountering a little boom, and as far as one can see the strong movement is likely to continue. Another rise in low crossbreds has set the question going round, What does it mean?—and to answer it is no light task. As far as one can judge, it simply means that users are doing their level best to supply an article at as little a price as ever they possibly can, and to do this they must have the lowest materials, which always cost the least money. The present rise is far more pronounced on wools of 32's and 36's quality than it is for 40's, and the higher counts we get the less the upward movement. Now it will be patent to all that Bradford is having its fair share of the crossbred trade, and it is possible to sell crossbreds where merinos entirely fail. I have no doubt that the fact of very few people indeed having any weight of crossbred wools, and, with plenty of contracts still to run, has compelled men to buy the raw material at one price or another, and when I tell readers that some sold forward two months ago at 11d per lb without being covered, it has meant that these must no longer delay, hence the market has been flooded with buying orders. Crossbreds to-day appear sound because of the consumptive capacity of the trade, it being agreed that for another season coarse qualities will be wanted, and that there is only the present season wools in which to operate. Both commission wool-combers and spinners are busier than in fine wools. Prices are more easily moved upwards also; hence to-day we see far more inquiry for 36's and 40's tops than for anything else. So far the Eastern war has not affected the trade, but there is no telling how seen it will. It is not anticipated that we shall see much of a set-back unless we have political complications, and if orders for manufactured articles would only come to hand it would give a fillip to the trade all round. However, taking the trade in its entirety, I think we may safely look for a fair continuance of to-day's prices for every class of wool, for with stocks being so low, and no prospect of increased supplies this year, the trade will be able to comfortably deal with all the wools that are available, and even with a reduced consumption it is quite able to absorb every available bale of wool. To-day's prices should be fully maintained.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE ABROAD.

LONDON BUTTER MARKET.

A HEAVY FALL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 25.

Colonial butter has had a disastrous fall in price during the last fortnight. £6 to £7 per ton, in some cases 5s per box, is the difference in value between this week's values and those of the week before last. Choicest New Zealand butter has been sold as low as 95s, and 94s is about the top price for the same quality Australian. The average range of prices for New South Wales and Queensland butter is 90s, fancy brands of the former 92s to 94s. The principal cause for the fall—which took place last week—was the drop in Danish, which butter was lowered by the committee in 14 days 11s 3d per cwt. The action of the committee in raising their quotation 6 kroner in the last two weeks of February, and now lowering it in this way, suggests mismanagement, and certainly a demoralised market has resulted. The present price of Danish butter is about 104s to 106s, and carried over butter 100s to 102s. So it seems that the fall in Danish butter did affect colonial; I don't see how it is possible that any other view could be held. The market has been well supplied with butter lately, and the period covered by this letter has been one in which business was very dull indeed; demand was poor, and prices poorer. One of the reasons for low prices is the fact that so far the anticipations as to Siberian butter falling off—or stopping altogether—have not been proved correct. The article has been coming in regularly, some 5000cwt. weekly, and has sold from 86s to 94s ("finest" and "good" to "fine"). The fortnight, as regards Australasian butter, has been a buyers' market, and purchasers have been holding off, hoping for still lower prices. Secondary colonial butter has held its own better than the best qualities. The fall in the former may be put at only 2s to 3s per cwt. There is little milled Australian butter about, and the demand for this is brisker than for the other grades, in fact, all Australasian butter of the inferior sorts is relatively higher than choicest. The feeling during the last few days has been slightly better; at the moment all depends upon Copenhagen. If the official price falls or is raised, colonial butter will follow suit.

LAST YEAR'S PRICES.

There is a lamentable fall in the present market value of colonial butter as compared with last year's prices, 10s to 12s; but the difference between 1903 and 1904 in the Danish price is still greater. But to the end of last week, from October 1, 1903, 528,430 boxes of Australian butter had arrived, wheras for the same period in 1902-3 the quantity was but 46,808. New Zealand, however, stands as follows, on the same comparison basis:—1903-4, 339,135; 1902-3, 247,635 boxes.

CONTINUED SHIPMENTS.

The Moldavia, with 11,846 boxes from New South Wales, arrived this week. She is the last mail boat to bring butter, but there are several other vessels afloat with Australian butter. The Corinthic brought a heavy parcel from New Zealand, so there has been plenty of colonial butter to handle. Argentine butter is in good supply at 90s to 94s. The Beacon Grange landed 14,000 packages at Liverpool this week, and the Danube 5000 at Southampton. The following brands of colonial butter are on the market this week:—New South Wales: Illawarra, Berry, "Oak," Monaro, Lismore. Victoria: "Black Swan," Geelong, Leura, Grassmere. New Zealand: "Maori Chief," "Hinemoa," "Crown," "Anchor," "Mercantile." The carrying conditions of all colonial butter, as far as I hear, have been excellent, and the condition of the butter calls for no complaint. Statements made to me regarding fishy butter vary a good deal. Some firms say that of late they have not been troubled by this fault, while others say the opposite. One house reports that some of the New South Wales butter ex Persic turned out very fishy, and was "almost unsaleable." Of the shipment of butter by that vessel it is reported that 100 boxes of one brand were fishy; the same brand of butter brought by a P. and O. boat was likewise fishy. Generally speaking, though, there is little fishy butter about just now. It is the exception, not the rule. One of the crack Victorian brands has come very fishy this season; one customer had to reject a consignment of this butter for the reason named. Queensland butter sells from 88s to 92s; an excellent butter from that State was sold to a Smithfield buyer this week for 88s. Queensland butter is a good article to sell on a bare market, but when the market is inclined to be very full, or over-supplied, this kind is not easy to dispose of at good values.

Last week's trade reports stated that at Cardiff the arrivals of New Zealand creameries were very heavy; prices, 96s to 103s. Prices for Australian, 96s to 102s. Argentine butter at that place was making 103s. A curious thing to note is the fact that there is a difference of 4s this week between Manchester and Newcastle for colonial butter. There is no particular reason to account for this. The prices this week for Australasian butter are as follow:—New Zealand, choicest 94s to 96s, finest 92s to 93s, milled 84s to 88s; Victorian, 92s to 94s for choicest, 90s to 92s for finest; New South Wales, 90s to 92s for choicest, 86s to 90s for finest; Queensland, 86s to 92s. Special brands of Victorian and New Zealand butter a shilling or two above the above figures.

TEMPERATURE FOR CHEESE.

Lovell and Christmas, Ltd., won their action against the New Zealand Shipping Company regarding damage suffered by cheese carried by the Papanui, in May, 1903. Plaintiffs alleged that the goods were damaged owing to the proper temperature (40deg. to 45deg.) not having been maintained in the refrigerating chamber. As is usual frequently, in such cases, the matter turned upon the construction of the bill of lading, which laid it down that the cargo owners took the responsibility of the carriage. But it was further laid down that the shipowners warranted that the refrigerating machinery was in good order, and that the temperature should be kept from 40deg. to 45deg. F. The Judge held that the warranty had been infringed, and that the goods were damaged in consequence, and he gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

AUSTRALIAN WINE.

The falling off in imports of wine from Australia in 1903—576,303 gallons against 790,637 in 1902, and 736,754 in 1901—is so important that it is interesting to recur to the subject. Further inquiries in wine circles lead me to the conclusion that the South Australian Government Bonded Depot and its operations had a deal to do with the reduction in imports. In 1902 the bonded depot was a very heavy importer; in 1903, when the position of the depot, as a Government institution, was in suspense, the shipments from Adelaide were small, and private firms held their hands waiting to see the fate of the depot. Mr. W. W. Pownall, of the Australian Wine Company, tells me that now that "State interference with private enterprise," as he puts it, is at an end, shipments of wine from Australia will revert to their former volume, and are expected to average, say, about 800,000 gallons a year. Mr. Pownall says that it cannot be asserted that the wine industry from Australia has fallen off, for his company sold in 1903 more Australian wine that it had done in any previous year of its existence.

As regards the wine trade as a whole, it has fallen away 15 per cent. during the last six years or so, owing chiefly to the war. Many other detail causes are also given for this reduction. Notwithstanding this general falling off, Australian wine has been received here during the period named in largely increasing quantity, and the prospects for the future are quite encouraging. One can test the correctness of this view by noting the increasing way in which the wine is advertised everywhere in this country; an article which is so extensively announced by the trade, as is the case with Australian wine, must represent a sound and progressive trade, for advertisers of provisions, wine, etc., generally follow rather than lead the public.

FULL-BODIED WINES DEMANDED.

The taste of wine-drinkers here is steadily progressing in the direction of full-bodied Burgundies—a point, of course, all in favour of Australian wine. If a light wine is wanted a French brand can be got as good as an Australian one, if not better, and also much cheaper. A really good brand of French claret can be bought from 12s to 15s a dozen; an Australian wine of the same quality cannot be sold at a profit under 18s. In 1860 the imports of Australian wine into Great Britain were 951 gallons, in 1870 they had risen to 36,147 gallons, in 1880 to 55,000, in 1890 to 314,000, and in 1900 to 823,000.

Mr. Pownall says that the imports of New South Wales wines in 1903 into Great Britain were small because they are of the lighter type, and are not in such active demand as is the case with the rich Burgundies. The State apparently is making but little wine over the quantity required for home consumption. New South Wales wines appear to be somewhat expensive in comparison with those from other States. The Lindeman brand was in good demand here last year, and it is so now, and is one of the popular brands of Australian wine.

CARRIAGE OF STORE STOCK.

Representatives of the Sydney stock agents were introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday by Mr. James Ashton, M.L.A., with a request that a reduction be made in the rates for the carriage of store stock from one part of the State to another for the purpose of obtaining good pasture. It was also desired that the concession should apply at the time of trucking, and should also be free from the condition that the difference between the concession and full rates be refunded on return of the stock within a certain time. It was remarked that as trucks were not now being used for the conveyance of starving stock, the department probably had vehicles idle which could be profitably employed at the reduced rates suggested. The Commissioners pointed out that even if the trucks were not so fully occupied as they had been they could not be moved from one part of the State to another without incurring expense. Therefore the supposition that it would be profitable to utilise them at reduced rates was fallacious. With regard to the conditions attaching to reduced rates, the Commissioners explained that there had been quite a number of instances in which people had taken undue advantage of the departmental concessions. It was, therefore, absolutely necessary to adopt the safeguards surrounding the regulations in question. The Commissioners added that they had always been in sympathy with the stock-owners, and although they were not prepared to give a definite answer that afternoon, they would, without making any promise of a concession, give the question further consideration.

IRRIGATION IN THE WILCANNIA DISTRICT.

WILCANNIA, Friday.

Irrigation just now appears to be in the air, the recent severe drought having impressed upon landholders the necessity of making some permanent provision for coping with climatic disabilities. In no part of Australia has the drought been more severe than in the Western Division, and the course of the river Darling may be taken as marking the centre line of the greatest severity. Taking Wilcannia as a centre, the country for 200 miles around would include an area that has probably suffered more than any other part of the State. When the drought broke up in other parts of the country Wilcannia missed the first rains, and remained drought-stricken until later on, so that when rain fell so much benefit was not derived as would otherwise have been the case. As a matter of fact, in the vicinity of Wilcannia there is a drought on at the present time, as only half an inch of scattered rain has fallen for the four months of the year; but there being so few stock the dry time is not felt so much.

Few stations in the district have suffered so severely as Murtee, situated some eight miles from Wilcannia, which has been reduced from some 60,000 sheep to about 10,000, and during the five months before rain fell the place would not carry a hoof, the stock having to be removed to where the earlier rains referred to had fallen. The property belongs to the estate of the late Captain William Davies, who was one of the earliest steamboat owners in the Murray and Darling River trade, and when bought by him from Martin and Ayre, about 1880 was a cattle station. Captain Davies put on sheep of a very high-class, which were selected and classed each year by Mr. Jonathan Shaw, who at one time had an interest in the station, and the Murtie sheep became well known to buyers as something above the common run.

In consequence of the late disastrous seasons the management have looked round to see if by any means the losses caused by uncertainty of rainfall can be minimised, and have decided to start irrigation, with the idea of saving their stud sheep and station ewes as far as possible when a severe strain comes. The station has been under the control of Mr. Arthur Johnston since it was purchased by Captain Davies, and he is looked upon as one of the most capable managers in the West. Mr. Johnston has no foolishly extreme ideas about irrigation, but is satisfied that he can, when he gets properly going, make such provision as will greatly mitigate the severity of any ordinary drought, and that it will pay to do so. If industry, energy, and practical knowledge will make a success of this enterprise then Mr. Johnston will succeed.

At the present only 42 acres are being dealt with, but the area will be greatly extended later on to, probably, some 200 acres. Mr. Johnston is a great believer in the red soil, his previous experience of grey soil not being favourable, as the water runs away down the deep cracks, which are a feature of this formation.

The water is raised from the river, which when at its lowest gives a lift of 55ft, but as the river rises of course this lift varies. The power employed is a boiler equal to 30-horse power, and the engine is 14-horse power. The pump used is 10in, capable of pumping 1200 to 1600 gallons per minute. The water is lifted to an elevated flume, which conveys it to the highest part of the area to be irrigated, whence it can be distributed by gravitation.

The fluming is strongly constructed, and carried on horses erected 6ft apart stayed by cross-pieces. The fluming is of galvanised sheetiron formed into a half-circle let in to the cap pieces of the horses, and nailed along each, edged to a 3 x 1 batten. There are no stringers, the horses being tied together by the fluming. At the end of the fluming there is a receiving tank, from which the water is distributed. A solid piece of work is the platform extending from the ground level at the top of the bank to carry the engine and pump. Huge timbers have been used, and the engine works solid and firm. The whole of this plant has been erected according to Mr. Johnston's ideas and under his direct supervision.

In forming the beds for irrigation the check system has been adopted, and as the area is gently sloping this system answers admirably. The beds vary in size, according to the slope, but it has been found that the smaller the bed the better the results. Main channels run along these beds, and a take-off is opened into each check as required. The banks forming the checks are low enough to allow a mowing machine to be operated over them. Considerable trouble was found in levelling the beds, but Mr. Johnston manages this with a fixing of his own consisting of a heavy framework with a cutting edge, which has been found very effective. The main channels are formed with the V scoop, so much used by irrigationists. Bullocks have been mostly used in this work, which is very heavy. Some crops have been already reaped from the earlier sown beds of lucerne, and the results have been most satisfactory. The lucerne is, of course, young, but the plants are growing vigorously.

This undertaking will be watched carefully by other pastoralists, who, if assured of its success from a financial standpoint, will no doubt follow suit. Everyone will hope that the enterprise of Murtee will be rewarded.

PROGENY OF CHAMPION BULLS.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

At the monthly meeting of the Kiama Agricultural Association this afternoon an important letter from Mr. Charles Barnes, of Liverpool-street, Sydney, was taken into consideration. Mr. Barnes stated that he noticed that the progeny of champion dairy bulls on the South Coast districts were seldom seen among the prize-winners in the dairy cow section. He expressed a fear that the standard type by which bulls were judged was not the correct one; and, if such be the case, the sooner the type of bull that produces the best dairy cattle is known the better for everyone interested in dairying.

With a view to obtaining reliable data on this important matter, he suggested that competitions for champion dairy bull should be open to all breeds, and be decided on points, say 100, to be adjudged as follows:—General appearance bull, 10; progeny one year and under, 10; progeny one to three years, 15; progeny over three years, 25; milk and butter tests of progeny, 40. That the prize be awarded on points gained in three successive years, as, for instance, prize for 1907 to be awarded for points gained in 1905, 1906, and 1907. He proposed that a prize value 25 per cent. of the amount donated each year for this champion prize be given, the remaining 75 per cent. of the money donated in 1905-6 to be added to the prize for 1907. Mr. Barnes concluded by offering to back up his scheme with an annual donation of five guineas.

The executive committee felt that Mr. Barnes's proposal, if not too complicated, would be an admirable means of raising the standard of dairy cattle; and as it was understood he would not be adverse to modifying the proposal in the direction of making it more workable, a sub-committee was appointed to draw up the modified scheme for submission to Mr. Barnes. Mr. R. O. Kendall was appointed to canvass for members in connection with the next show.

LAND FOR CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

BOMBALA, Tuesday.

The land board, consisting of Mr. Finch (chairman), and Messrs. Joseph and Newton, commenced an inquiry under the Closer Settlement Act into the offer of the Mount Cooper Estate, comprising 25,000 acres, the price asked being £2 10s per acre. The vendor, Mr. F. Hobson, was represented by Senator Millen and Mr. E. O. Prosser, and the Crown by District Surveyor Sheaffe. The estate is situated 20 miles from Bombala, 30 from Cooma, and 4 from Nimitybelle. The evidence so far discloses that the estate consists of rich basaltic undulations, with occasional ridges. It is excellent grazing country, with high fattening qualities and agricultural and dairying possibilities. About one-third consists of agricultural land. This, together with the water, is so distributed that they lend themselves to subdivision. The size of blocks advocated by witnesses ranges from 300 to 640 acres. A strong demand was shown to exist for small holdings, some of the witnesses expressing their intention of applying for blocks if the estate should be resumed. The inquiry will probably occupy the rest of the week. Great interest is taken in the proceedings locally, as there is no suitable Crown land in the district.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

FORBES.—Mr. W. Jobson, ex-manager of the Bank of New South Wales, has been appointed treasurer of the P., A., and H. Association in place of Mr. Dawson, who has been transferred to Braidwood. The association has passed a resolution to the effect that the Government be urged to establish an experimental farm in the district.

NARRABRI.—A branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association was formed at Wentworth, Collarendabri-road, on Saturday last.

NOWRA.—Mrs. Jackson's cottage and land, Bridge-road, were offered for sale at auction on Saturday, but the bidding did not reach the reserve, and the property was accordingly withdrawn.

ORANGE.—The total receipts from the late show amounted to £528, being an increase of £11 on last year's returns, but a decrease of £95 on those of the show of 1903.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

COOMA.—7,000 weather weaners, Narromine to Ironmongie, Cooma, Crisp Brothers; 2500 weaners, Michelago to Eucumbene, Litchfield Brothers; 900 cattle, Bredbo to Addicumbene, Dr. Clifford; 1100 wethers, Cooma to Gundaroo, R. Maple Browne.

GLEN INNES.—100 wethers, from Inverell Station to Rangers' Valley, Campbell Brothers, owners; 87 sheep, Fladbury to Balaclava, John Hiscox; 700 weaners, Severn Farm to Mayfield, W. H. Sloman; 1000 mixed sheep, Graham's Valley to Tarvela, J. Davidson; 880 mixed sheep, Applecross to Spion Kop, W. Baker; 1200 ewes, Arawatta to Newport, A. L. Bramma; 1150 mixed sheep, King's Plains to Bugilbone, P. O. Mullane; 2725 ewes and 22 rams, Alderbury, Black Mountain, to Ibon, C. H. Kemp; 1100 mixed sheep, Guyra to Boggabilla, O. Carrigan; 157 fat cattle, Gunyan to Ramornie, Tindal and Son; 540 fat wethers, Pikedale (Q.) to Flemington, C. F. White, owner.

A NEW AUSTRALIAN LINER.

THE LUND STEAMER GEELONG.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

By the English mail delivered yesterday a full account of the ceremony of launching the steamship Geelong, together with a description of the new vessel, was received by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Ltd, the Sydney agents for Lund's Blue Anchor line. The Geelong is a twin-screw steamship of about 7700 tons register, and was launched last month from the yards of Messrs. Barclay, Curle, and Co., on the Clyde. She has been built to the order of Messrs. William Lund and Sons, and will be employed on the service between London and Australia, via South Africa. The launch was a very successful one, and as the vessel left the ways she was christened by Mrs. A. E. Lund.

This latest addition to the line is 456ft in length, 54ft 8in in breadth, and has a depth of 38ft 6in to the upper deck. She has been constructed to the highest class of Lloyd's and the Board of Trade, and has been fitted with a cellular double bottom fore and aft capable of holding 1000 tons of water ballast.

About 95 first-class passengers can be berthed amidships, on the upper and bridge decks, in exceptionally spacious and airy state rooms, which have always been a special feature of the steamers of this line. Many of these state rooms measure about 11ft by 9ft, and are superbly fitted up. There are four specially arranged single-berth state rooms on the upper deck, and several for families.

The dining saloon is situated on the fore end of the upper deck, extending the full width of the vessel, and is panelled in oak and mahogany, and fitted with seating accommodation at a number of conveniently arranged tables for the full complement of passengers. The pantry and serving rooms which adjoin have been fitted in the most complete manner for quick service. The ladies' drawing-room is situated at the fore end of the bridge, adjacent to the entrance vestibule, whilst at the after end of this deck is the smoking-room, which has a most comfortable appearance, with a bar adjoining. The whole of the first-class accommodation is so arranged that passengers need not go out on deck to get from one part to another. There is not a single inside state room, and all are lighted with 14in. portholes.

Third-class passengers by this vessel will be agreeably surprised at the arrangements made for their comfort in the after part of the ship. Berths are provided for about 100 people in two, four, six, eight, and 10-berth cabins on the upper deck, and provision is made for accommodating an additional 100 passengers on short notice if required. The dining and concert saloon extends the full breadth of the ship, and is provided with comfortable revolving chairs. There is ample deck space for passengers on the upper and awning decks, and on the former will be found a large and airy smoke-room for gentlemen, besides a room solely for the use of ladies, adjoining the entrance lounge. Each room is fitted with all the necessary toilet requisites, and there is ample lavatory and bathroom accommodation on the most approved sanitary system.

Separate freezing and cooling chambers are fitted for the storage of all kinds of provisions, including an ice chamber. Electric lights are plentifully scattered all through the accommodation. The 'tween decks are lighted and ventilated for the carriage of troops at any time. Ten boats are placed under davits, with patent lowering gear for rapidly putting them in the water. Deep plate bilge keels have been fitted, which should make her an exceptionally steady vessel in bad weather. The facilities for handling cargo are very complete, the five large cargo hatches being fitted with 16 derricks and 12 powerful winches.

The machinery consists of two sets of triple expansion engines, supplied with steam from two single-ended and two double-ended boilers, with a working pressure of 200lb, all supplied by the builders. The twin screws have each three manganese propeller blades.

The Geelong is appointed to sail from London on her maiden voyage on May 27, and is scheduled to arrive in Australia in 40 days.

THE EARLY CLOSING ACT AND ONE-MAN SHOPS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—When the above Act was passed it was ostensibly for the benefit and relief of the employees who were kept working from 12 to 14 hours. For that purpose it was badly required, but in these times of distress it bears very hardly on the small shopkeepers, as well as the poorest labouring classes. There are plenty of both men and women who can only obtain casual employment, and are depending on earning a shilling or two for their next meal, and if the big shops were open, would not go there, but to the one man shops in their own locality, for the big shops would not serve them in the small quantities they require, such as pennyworths and less. The small shops are breaking the law to supply them, and running the risk if caught of being fined heavily on conviction, the same shopkeepers hardly making a bare living owing to the cutting prices. He needs in some of the poorest districts, at least, a heart of stone to resist their appeals to supply them. I myself have experienced some of the evils and hardships entailed by the working of this Act in a very poor neighbourhood. Many of my customers can only purchase from meal to meal. Widows having to go out to work to support their young families their day's work is not done till after the closing hour for shops when they get their pay, and with their scanty earnings in their pocket cannot supply the hungry cravings of their children without breaking the law. These small shops are in many cases kept by elderly people, whose little all is invested, and the extra hours affect no one but themselves, as they employ no one. There are also many inconsistencies in the working of this Act. In Lower George-street and Circular Quay on Sunday afternoon you will see shops wide open, even ham and beef shops, while small grocers or chandlers, who are registred milk vendors, are not allowed to sell milk on Sundays—a necessary. Yet these shops, for the sale of luxuries, are allowed to sell freely and openly. Hotels during the week are allowed the greatest latitude—longer hours and no half-holiday for them; yet they are indirectly one of the most prolific sources of poverty and crime. All these inconveniences (to call them by no harder name) press hardest on the class least able to bear them—the poorest. The late decision of the High Court is claimed by the Traders' Association in Queensland to relieve these one-man shops of being compelled to close. I would suggest that these small shopkeepers who do not employ outside labour should combine and ventilate their grievances caused by the working of this Act and try to get some amelioration of their lot. If some person better able to deal with this subject would take it up it might result in getting some favourable amendment.

I am, etc., HARD TIMES.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FIRES.

TEMORA, Tuesday.

Shortly after 8 o'clock last night a fire broke out in an unoccupied weatherboard building in Deboos-street. Although the fire was promptly discovered all efforts to extinguish it were unavailing, and the building was destroyed. Mr. Gow, of Haymarket, Sydney, is said to be the owner. Whether the property was insured is not known. The last tenant of the building only left Temora yesterday morning for Wyalong. The origin of the fire is not known.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

At midnight on Saturday the premises formerly occupied by the "Tilba Times" at Central Tilba were destroyed by fire, with all the contents. They were owned by Mr. S. W. Bate, who estimates his loss at £250, and were uninsured.

The company's factory adjoining was only saved by the strenuous exertions of many willing hands.

DISCOVERY OF HUMAN BONES.

SUTHERLAND, Tuesday.

Robert Dean, of Darlington, and some companions were digging and preparing for a camp under a large rock at Gymea Bay on Sunday, when they unearthed two human skulls and some jawbones, apparently the remains of an adult and child. The police, having been informed of the discovery, proceeded to the locality, a spot about two miles from Sutherland, known as the north-west arm of Port Hacking, and took possession of the remains, and furnished a report to Mr. W. A. Mackensie, J.P., coroner for the district. The bones were found about 2ft below the surface, amongst shells and other debris, and from the manner of interment it is considered that the locality is an ancient aboriginal burial-place.

BURGLARY AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.

On returning home with his family from a bazaar on Saturday evening, Mr. P. Murray, of Speed-street, Liverpool, found that his premises had been burglariously entered and ransacked, and that blankets, cutlery, and other articles, including the children's money-box, had been stolen. The thief forced an entrance through one of the windows. The matter was reported to the police, but so far the culprit has eluded arrest, although his footprints were traced to the railway line. The money-box was found in the yard, minus its contents, with one of the missing knives alongside it.

REPORTED MAIL COACH ROBBERY.

A MAN ARRESTED.

CARCOAR, Tuesday.

A wire was received this morning from Mandurama station, stating that the mail coach had been stuck-up between Mandurama and Gallymont by a carrier, and a mailbag stolen. Constable Johnston immediately proceeded to the scene, and investigated the case, with the result that he returned some afterwards with the missing mailbag and the coachdriver in custody. It is considered locally that Constable Johnston made a very smart capture.

MUNICIPAL.

TENTERFIELD, Tuesday.

Aspecial meeting of the council was held last night, when the general rate was fixed at 1s in the £, and a special lighting rate at 4d in the £, levied over the whole municipality.

THE CHURCHES.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

A largely-attended meeting of representatives of the Broken Hill Methodist churches was held last night. After a lengthy discussion the representatives expressed themselves favourable to the amalgamation of all the circuits into one, to be called the Barrier Methodist Circuit, with a united plan, the new arrangement to come into force immediately, the financial adjustment to take place after June.

COOMA, Tuesday.

The Rev. J. H. Craig, M.A., Presbyterian minister, of Cooma, has decided to resign the pastorate of Cooma in order that the new combined parish of Cooma and West Monaro may be free to make its own arrangements.

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Roman Catholic Bishop, is paying an official visit to Glen Innes, and during the past week conducted services in St. Patrick's Church, and a confirmation service on Sunday, when 116 candidates were presented. Yesterday afternoon he was entertained at a conversazione in the Town Hall, and presented with an address of welcome.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

Every Anglican parish on the South Coast, from Milton to Pambula, excepting Bodalla, has, or is about to have, a change of ministers. The Rev. Mr. Williams will go to Pambula, and will be succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Hart, of Monaro.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

As a result of the chrysanthemum show the Presbyterian church benefits to the extent of £90.

PLAGUE OF MICE.

BOURKE, Tuesday.

A regular plague of mice has been experienced by residents in the northern towns. At Hungerford thousands of mice have been killed during the past few weeks. Messrs. Gibbs, Burnand, and Co., storekeepers of that town, when unloading goods from a waggon, killed 1000 rodents, and later on the same night 580 more were killed.

CIRCUIT COURTS.

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

The Circuit Court opened this morning, before Mr. Justice Owen. Charles Carter, charged with uttering a forged order at Uralla, pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence. John C. Hayes pleaded guilty to stealing a saddle at Walcha, also to stealing a gelding, and was remanded for sentence on both charges. Edward Byrnes, alias O'Connell, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing jewellery and money from a dwelling at Glen Innes. He was remanded for sentence. Alfred Jones, arraigned for a serious offence, near Tingha, pleaded not guilty. After a hearing lasting till 5 o'clock, accused was acquitted.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

The Circuit was opened to-day, before Mr. Justice Pring.

William Rootes pleaded guilty to stealing from a dwelling at Ballina, and was remanded for sentence. His Honor refused to deal with the accused as a first offender.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

BEGA, Tuesday.

The Quarter Sessions opened this morning before Judge Fitzhardinge. Mr. Armstrong was Crown Prosecutor. James Ryan was found guilty of stealing a horse, the property of D. Grant, of Wyndham, and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour in Goulburn Gaol. Alfred Johnstone and John Dacey were charged with, in company, assaulting and robbing Thomas Featherstone, who has since been found dead in the bush near Bombala. Each of the accused was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour in Goulburn Gaol. On a second charge of larceny of a bag containing a shirt, handkerchiefs, saddler's tools, etc., the property of Jabez Roebuck, a travelling saddler, accused Johnstone was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' hard labour in Goulburn Gaol, the sentences to be cumulative. Joseph Cash, charged with making a false declaration in connection with an application for an old-age pension, was found guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy owing to previous good character. Accused was bound over to come up for sentence when called upon any time during the next three years.

R. A. Coughran, of Bemboka, was charged with assaulting Lily A. Fitzpatrick at Bemboka on January 6 last. Accused, who was defended by Mr. Bland, was found not guilty, and was discharged.

SOUTH COAST.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

Members of the town band last night presented Mr. W. Dwyer, the bandmaster, with a pair of silver-mounted pipes in a case, in recognition of his services.

Yesterday several large schools of mullet were to be seen travelling up and down in the surf off the green and showground. They moved slowly, but in great masses. The aboriginal fishermen, Bell and Walker, got around one school with their nets, and succeeded in capturing between four and five tons of fish, which were despatched to Sydney in the evening. Other fishermen also secured good hauls. Some of the mullet were of extraordinary size, looking more like full-grown salmon.

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

The Mayor, at to-night's meeting of the City Council, referred to the report in the city papers re the council's indebtedness over the water supply, and explained that no indignation existed in Armidale over the action of the Government. He thought it too serious a matter to let pass, as the honour of the council was at stake. The council had never proved unable or unwilling to meet its liabilities.

COONAMBLE, Tuesday.

An inquest was held yesterday, lasting till 9 p.m., before Mr. H. Giles Shaw, coroner, and a jury, into the cause of the recent fire at Cobb's-buildings. An open verdict was returned. The stock in the three buildings destroyed was insured for a little over £1600, and the buildings for £600.

FORBES, Tuesday.

At the police court this morning Inspector W. G. Dowling proceeded against certain persons for a breach of the Pastures Protection Act. A. H. Brown, manager of Mickey's Plains, and Margaret Burns, of Grawlin, were fined £1, with costs added, for failing to destroy rabbits on their holdings. M. B. Walsh pleaded not guilty to a similar offence, and was fined £3, with costs added.

At the police court to-day the police proceeded against A. H. Green, restaurant keeper and colonial wine licensee, for suffering an unlawful game to be played on his licensed premises, to wit, throwing dice. At the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. Roff, solicitor, who appeared for the defence, asked the ruling of the Bench on the point whether under the circumstances disclosed by the evidence, and also at law, dicing was an unlawful game. He quoted various authorities, relying chiefly upon the recent case ex parte Little, wherein it had been held by the Full Court that playing poker for stakes was not an unlawful game. The Bench formally ruled against him, and fined the defendant £2, with costs of court, in default two months' imprisonment. Notice of appeal was given.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

The presentation of prizes and certificates in connection with the local technical school took place last night at the School of Arts, before a good audience. Addresses were delivered by Mr. D. J. Cooper, M.A., superintendent of Technical Education, Inspector Black, Mr. John Hurley, M.L.A., and others.

At a meeting of the district school teachers, with the object of forming a branch of the Teachers' Association, the following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. A. D. Mackenzie; president, Mr. L. Henry; vice-presidents, Messrs. Laws, Lee, and Hutchinson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Klein; committee, Misses Underwood and Kaiser and Messrs. Dennis, Hatfield, and Edmunds.

At a meeting of delegates from the various unions held the other day in connection with the formation of a district labour council, there was a good attendance, the business being to draw up a constitution. The title was fixed, and the organisation will be known as the Western Districts Labour Council.

TEMORA, Tuesday.

The new post and telegraph offices were opened for business yesterday. The building is a commodious structure, and well finished.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The first matinee of "The Light that Failed" will be given this afternoon at Her Majesty's Theatre. The Williamson Dramatic Company gives a strong and pathetic representation of the new drama, which holds the absorbed attention of the audience throughout.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"The Great Millionaire" continues to draw consistently large audiences at the Theatre Royal, where Mr Bland Holt has staged this story of paternal love and heartless speculation in the people's bread with quite a series of beautiful tableaux.

CRITERION THEATRE.

This afternoon there will be a special matinee of "A Message from Mars" at the Criterion Theatre. Ganthony's comedy is brightly rendered by the Hawtrey Company, and the double scene in snow-covered street and warmly-lighted ballroom forms one of several attractive features in it.

PALACE THEATRE.

A matinee of "Little Red Riding Hood" is announced for to-day at the Palace Theatre. The new burlesque introduces a number of pretty tableaux, showing the changes from autumn to winter, and the Permanes, Mr. Harry Shine, and others assist to make the whole amusing.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

This afternoon and evening, at the Tivoli Theatre, Mr. Harry Rickards' Company will include Miss May Moore Dupree, "the jolly American comedienne," Mr. Fred. Russell and "Coster Joe," the Six Empire Girls, and a number of favourite artists. The last three nights of "A Trip to the Moon" are now entered upon.

SONGS OF SCOTLAND.

To-morrow and Friday evenings Miss Flora F. Donaldson and Mr. Gavin Spence will make their farewell appearances at Queen's Hall. Popular Scottish ballads and a number of new and humorous anecdotes will be included in these two popular entertainments.

THE PIERROTS AT QUEEN'S HALL.

On Saturday evening the Pierrots will open a short return season at Queen's Hall, when their new programme will be on the lines which recently found favour at St. James' Hall. Musical sketches, duets, trios, choruses, and droll recountals will form the new entertainment.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL CONCERT.

This evening the Sydney Liedertafel will give their 127th concert at the Town Hall, when the assisting artists will be Miss Hunt, Miss Liggins, and Miss Ella James. Mr. Arundel Orchard will conduct Dudley Buck's "Bugle Song," choruses from "Lohengrin," Coleridge Taylor's "Orchestral Ballad," and his own "March of Triumph."

SYDNEY AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Signor Hazon, at the next concert of the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society on Wednesday, May 11, will conduct Beethoven's "Leonora Overture" (No. 3), Spanish dances from "Le Cid," Elgar's famous orchestral variations, and other beautiful pieces. Miss Florence Taylor will join with the orchestra as solo pianist in Liszt's "Concerto in E" (new).

MISS CONSTANCE USHER'S CONCERT.

Next Wednesday evening Miss Constance Brandon Usher will give a pianoforte recital and concert at St. James' Hall, when her list of pieces will include the "Appassionata Sonata," and numbers by Grieg and Chaminade, in which Mr. F. M'Quade will assist. Mrs. Alston, Miss Whyte, Messrs. Sassmilch and Sykes will appear. The plan opens at Paling's to-day.

SYDNEY JUVENILE ORCHESTRA.

The first concert of the Sydney Juvenile Orchestra will be given at St. James' Hall to-night under the conductorship of Herr Adolph Poulsen, when the pupils of Mr. Harry Leston will also deliver recitations. Vocal and instrumental solos will be included in the programme.

PEOPLE'S POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS.

The programme at the Centenary Hall to-night is in the hands of Messrs. Albert and Sons, who have arranged a special programme. The assisting artists will include Signor Altavilla, Misses Dobbie and Meller, Messrs. Waite and Welsh, and Signor Strumillo, who is announced as the champion mandolinist. Particulars appear in our advertisement columns.

FITZGERALDS' CIRCUS.

Young Australia will have another sixpenny matinee treat at Belmore Park to-day, when the second of the new series of afternoon performances will commence at 3 o'clock, the gates being thrown open an hour previously. Special comic acts will be added to the general programme, in which the spirited exhibition of the Osaka Guild team of Imperial wrestlers still holds pride of place. For Saturday several novelties are announced, chief among which will be a mystifying act by the Gascoigns, who were specially engaged by the management in Europe because of the furore created by them in Continental cities.

SYDNEY COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

The marked success of the first series of chamber-music concerts given under the auspices of the Sydney College of Music has induced the council to announce a further series of four concerts. As before, the series will be under the direction of Mr. G. Rivers Allpress, and the first will take place in May at the Y.M.C.A. Hall. All particulars may be obtained from Mr. S. Gordon Lavers, the registrar of the college.

MISS FINKELSTEIN'S CONCERTS.

On Wednesday evening last there was "standing room only" in the North Sydney School of Arts, where Miss Finkelstein submitted a particularly attractive programme, and met with a great reception in her recital "Australia's Cricket" (by Pat Finn). A new programme is promised for to-night.

THE CYCLORAMA.

The glories of war are still depicted at the Cyclorama, opposite the railway station, George-street, with the accompaniments of martial music and sounds of conflict. The cinematograph has been fitted with new films, and there are wonderful illusions and other forms of entertainment to interest the spectators. The Cyclorama is open daily from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

PROGRESS IN AUSTRALASIA.

Mr. G. T. Clarke (grand secretary) has recently compiled a statement showing the progress of the various Grand Lodges of the Independent Order of Oddfellows throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand during last year. The figures collected prove the wonderful progress made by the order, both as regards lodges, members, and finances. In each of the States the order is on the up-grade, and good progress is shown. Western Australia heads the list of States in regard to increase, New South Wales coming second. In the year 1902 the aggregate figures were:—Lodges, 350; members, 27,662; total funds, £291,739 12s 4d. The figures at the end of 1903 were as follows:—Lodges, 378; members, 29,619; total funds, £308,583 10s 7d, the increases being:—Lodges, 28; members, 1957; and funds, £16,843 18s 3d. The comparison of the figures for Victoria and New South Wales during the same period is interesting, and very much in favour of the mother State in the matter of progress recorded. In New South Wales there was an increase of 11 lodges during the year 1903, as against 4 in Victoria. New South Wales now heads the list, with 111 lodges and 9839 members, the sister State's record being 105 lodges and [illegible] members. In the matter of funds, however, the mother State suffers by comparison, with £99,263 [illegible] to £125,[illegible] possessed by Victoria. During last year the sum of £39,850 6s 2d was paid by the order in sick and funeral benefits.

THEY APPEAL TO OUR SYMPATHIES.

The bilious, dyspeptic, and emaciated are constant sufferers, and appeal to our sympathies. There is not one of them, however, who may not be brought back to health and happiness by the use of CHAMBERLAIN'S STOMACH AND LIVER TABLETS. These Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver, and strengthen the digestion. They also cure constipation, which is the father of many ills. If you wish to get well and stay well, to enjoy your meals and not feel dull and stupid after eating, use these Tablets and observe the directions with each box, and your wish will soon be realised. "Just what you need." Sold everywhere. 1s 6d.—Advt.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

QUARTERLY OPERATIONS.

LARGE INCREASE OF RAILWAY REVENUE.

The report of the Railway Commissioners on the operations of the railways and tramways for the quarter ended March 31 was issued yesterday. The document is an extremely satisfactory one, because it shows there has been a steady and continuous improvement in the volume of business done, especially on the railways. It is manifest that the good harvest has been a great gain to the railways, apart from the revenue earned by the department in connection with the carriage of grain. As a matter of fact the grain traffic is not a profitable one. Where the gain has been is in the return carriage of supplies to country storekeepers. The bountiful harvest has undoubtedly enabled them to replenish stocks that were allowed to reach a low ebb during the drought.

RAILWAYS.

The gross earnings show an increase of £123,874, and the expenditure an increase of £52,511, the result being an improvement of £71,363. Coaching earnings show the following increases, viz.:—First-class passengers, £11,626; second-class, £25,747; parcels, &c., £1082—total, £38,455. Goods earnings—grain, flour, &c.—an increase of £133,578; general merchandise, £10,702; hay, straw, and chaff, £7534; minerals (other than coal and coke), £208; less decrease in live stock, £50,968; wool, £9078; coal and coke, £6617—net increase, £85,419.

Grain, flour, &c., shows an increase of 235,243 tons, and general merchandise 12,569 tons, less decrease in hay, straw, and chaff, 8273 tons; wool, 3799 tons; coal and coke, 119,676 tons, other minerals, 8132 tons; and live stock, 46,827 tons; net increase, 61,105 tons. During the quarter 417,125 additional passengers were carried. Train miles show an increase of 35,501 miles.

CONDITION OF THE LINES.

The permanent way and works generally have been efficiently maintained. Altogether 79 miles 75 chains of road have been relaid, re-railed, or resleepered. Heavy rains on the northern portion of the State affected the new extensions—Moree to Inverell and Lismore to Casino—rendering it difficult to maintain traffic, and it was found necessary to ballast the lines with the view to ensure greater stability and better working.

TRAMWAYS.

The earnings show an increase of £9490, and the expenditure an increase of £6786, the result being an improvement of £2704. During the quarter 732,557 additional passengers were carried, and 446,280 additional tram miles were run.

THE NEW PACIFIC.

IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL CONDITIONS.

GREAT THEATRE OF THE WORLD'S AFFAIRS.

A lecture on "The 'New Pacific' from a Strategic Point of View" was delivered yesterday afternoon at the Royal United Service Institution (says the "Times" of March 19) by Dr. T. Miller Maguire. Lord Roberts presided. The lecturer explained by means of maps the strategic position of the British Empire, insisting on the necessity for a thorough appreciation of the conditions of the Imperial defence, and of the resources of States like Russia, Germany, France, Japan, and the United States. He spoke of the indifference of Japan to sea power till awakened by bombardments in 1861, and said that sea power might lose part of its significance by railway power. Nevertheless, command of the sea, with power to employ efficient expeditions, was at present the supreme condition of international power. He quoted Seward's saying in 1865, "that the Pacific Ocean, with its coasts and islands, is destined to be the great theatre of the world's affairs." Napoleon's theory that the future would be with America and Asia had been verified.

Lord Roberts, at the conclusion of the lecture, said: I have listened, as I am sure all present here have listened, with the greatest interest to the lecture which has just been delivered. It was most interesting and instructive. Dr. Maguire has taken us over a vast expanse of country, and most valuable lessons are taught by his lecture. Time will not admit of my alluding to some of the many interesting points he has brought forward, but there is one point to which I would especially invite your attention—namely, that it is to the Pacific that the centre of international gravity has now shifted, and it is mainly in that direction that the dominating factors will be found when any serious future complications arise. In his lecture Dr. Maguire has very graphically explained to us how some of the causes of this change have been quite phenomenal. If we look first to the western shore of the Pacific, to which our attention is now more immediately directed, we find in Japan perhaps the most wonderful instance of a national new birth which history has recorded. Less than 40 years ago this comparatively small island was scarcely in touch with the outer world, and strategically speaking was a negligible quantity. To-day Japan is a nation whose alliance we are proud to possess, and who esteemed itself powerful enough to enter single-handed into a contest with the European Power which has the strongest army in the whole of the world, and the bravery of whose soldiers is only to be equalled by their hardiness. Then, if we take Japan's great adversary, Russia, we find that about the same time, 40 years ago, Russia's possessions in the Far East were absolutely undeveloped. Within the last few years those possessions have been brought into direct communication with St. Petersburg by a railway close upon 6000 miles in length, and vast sums have been spent in garrisoning and fortifying the harbours which that railway feeds, in order to make use of them as bases for the very considerable fleet which Russia has thought proper to place in the western sea of the Pacific. Other nations have not kept aloof from that region. France has possessed herself of the territory now known as Indo-China, Great Britain has acquired Hongkong and Wei-hai-wei, and Germany Kiao-chau. Further south we come to Australia. Less than 100 years ago Australia was considered an almost waterless waste, a fit place for a settlement of convicts. Now it is a flourishing continent, the colonies of which four years ago nobly came to the aid of the mother country in her hour of need. If we cross over to the eastern waters of the Pacific, we find precisely the same extraordinary development and progress which also changed the old strategical conditions whether in Columbia with its potentialities of great wealth, in the mines of Alaska, or in the United States port of San Francisco, and to show the great importance of the Pacific it is, as I daresay you know, connected with the Atlantic by no fewer than nine lines of direct railway communication. I believe a tenth is under consideration. But, valuable and important as these railways are from a strategical point of view, they will be surpassed when the canal is made in the Isthmus of Panama. That will indeed be a change of strategic conditions. If any further proof is required of the importance of the Pacific I would call your attention to the fact that within the last two years two submarine cables have been laid from one shore to the other—the all-England cable from Vancouver to Australia and the United States cable from San Francisco to Manila. These are strategic matters, and no doubt they will be made more valuable by other cables being laid. These cables, owing to their connection with land telegraphs and other submarine cables, have given the final link to the telegraphic girdle round the whole world. That is an important strategical condition of affairs which I think Dr. Maguire has enabled us to appreciate by his very valuable lecture.

THE DUTY ON MARBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your columns have recently informed us that Sir William Lyne, on inquiry into the duty on marble, has seen fit to consider slabs which have been sawn at the quarries, and upon which a chisel has never been placed, as wrought marble, the same as marble that has been squared and worked into various monumental designs. Therefore he has increased the duty on slabs from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. That this is an entirely erroneous view is obvious to any practical mind; for under no circumstances should slabs of marble out of which designs have to be wrought be considered already wrought.

The reason for this is said to be a desire to foster local industry and give employment to local artisans. Speaking as one acquainted with the trade, I can say the result will be entirely contrary. A duty of 10 per cent. gave a certain protection to local marble, and also allowed importation of Italian slabs. Local artisans have then been employed, and the marble wrought into designs as cheap as could be imported. Now, however, that the duty upon both worked and unworked marble is the same, worked designs can be imported in some cases cheaper than the unworked marble can be bought in Sydney.

Supposing the prices to be even equal, no one, considering the present intolerable labour conditions, would go to the trouble of employing labour to manufacture articles when they can be imported for the same money with no trouble. Thus so long as the duty upon worked and unworked marble is the same, so long will importation of worked designs continue and employment of local labour be lessened, the only result being an increase in price to the public.

As far as local marble is concerned, no more slabs have yet appeared upon the market, and even when they do the price is not likely to be much less than the Italian, in which case the Italian will continue to get the preference. It would only be if local marble were much cheaper that it would be used. For outdoor work, where it is exposed to the weather, it is inferior both in appearance and quality. Therefore the net result of Sir William Lyne's interference is less marble worked in this State, less men employed, importation goes on in spite of him and the few people in whose interest he is working, but the public, as usual, will have to pay an increased price.

I am, &c.,
WAVERLEY.

April 26.

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Beautiful pictures of the Grand Floral Fete in the Sydney Mail of this week.—Advt.

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BIRTHS.

HAYES.—April 25, at Miranda, near Sutherland, the wife of Wyndham Perry Hayes, of twins (son and daughter).

SCOTT.—April 12, at Strathlea, Dubbo, the wife of T. M. Scott, of Buroway—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRITTEN—TERRY.—April 20, 104, at St. Anne's, Ryde, by the father of the bridegroom, Frank S. Britten, youngest son of the Rev. H. Britten, of Ryde, to Ruby Isabel, youngest daughter of Edward Terry, Esq., of Eastwood House, Eastwood.

EDOLS—HALLORAN.—April 6, at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, by the Venerable Archdeacon Langley, Thomas Edward Edols, of Barrawang Station, Forbes, to Adèle Kathleen, second daughter of George N. Halloran, of Mosman, Sydney.

EDWARDS—HAYNES.—March 30, at St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, Sydney, by the Rev. John Hemphill, D.D., of San Francisco, U.S.A., Frederick William, eldest son of the late Edmund William Edwards, of Hawthorn, Victoria, to Daisy May, adopted daughter of James Lindsay Haynes, of Beanbah, N.S.W.

FLASHMAN—DEWAR.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the 11th March, by the Rev. E. C. Dawson, St. Peter's, Lutton Place, assisted by the Rev. A. Griffiths, Church of the Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, James Froude Flashman, M.D., B.A., B.Sc., University of Sydney, to Irene Flora, daughter of James Dewar, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Drylaw House, Mid-Lothian.

WILLIAMS—ROLIN.—April 25, at St. James' Church, Turramurra, Sydney, N.S.W., by the Rev. G. Hilder, William John Williams, of Colombo, Ceylon, youngest son of the late G. Williams, of Liverpool, England, to Gertrude Alice, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Bately Rolin, of Sydney.

DEATHS.

BARNES.—April 25, 1904, at Marrickville Cottage Hospital, John Eric, dearly beloved son of Herbert and Catherine Barnes, aged 3 years 5 months.

DAWSON.—April 25, 1904, at Camden Cottage Hospital, of heart failure, Andrew Dawson, for 25 years a faithful employee in the family of Sutton and Co., carriers, Sydney, aged 48 years, R.I.P. Interred April 24, R.C. Cemetery, Campbelltown.

JAMES.—April 26, at her late residence, Ithiel, Penshurst, Sarah, beloved wife of Daniel James, in her 66th year.

LETHBRIDGE.—Harriet E. Lethbridge, the beloved sister of George L. Lethbridge, Bridgeman, aged 70.

MALONE.—April 12, 1904, at the Convent of Mercy, Parramatta, Sister M. Nolasco, youngest daughter of Mrs. Bartholomew Malone, late of 185 Macquarie-street South, R.I.P.

PIGOTT.—April 26, 1904, at his residence, Faulconbridge, Rev. Henry Robert Pigott, late of Ceylon, aged 65 years.

PRIGG.—April 16, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Jas Smith, Argyle-street, Moss Vale; Eliza, relict of the late Mr. William Prigg, in her 82nd year.

TAWYER.—April 26, 1904, at her residence, Kimpton, Wahroonga, Sarah Anne, the dearly beloved wife of Reuben Tawyer, aged 76 years.

TRENNERY.—April 26, at her residence, Waratah, 179 Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, Elizabeth Trennery, aged 77 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CATLEY.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Rachel Elizabeth, who departed this life April 27, 1899, at Coogee. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, P. and L. Ruglese. Gone but not forgotten.

FORDHAM.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear little Pearl, who passed away April 27th, 1900, at Little Coogee. "Our bud in heaven." Inserted by her sorrowing parents, C. H. and A. J. Fordham.

HOUSE.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Thomas, who departed this life April 27, 1900. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

MANTOVA.—In loving memory of our dear mother, M. A. Mantova, who departed this life on April 27, 1901. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, Alfred and Lilian Mantova.

RACHEL ELIZABETH.
Short was the call she had from above,
No thought of death was near;
She closed her eyes like a babe in its sleep,
And silently passed away.
Inserted by her loving mother, Sarah Ruglese.

ROBBINS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, John William Robbins, who departed this life April 28, 1898. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

TINDALL.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Nat Tindall, who died April 27, 1903. Inserted by his loving sister, Mrs. J. Warren. Though lost to sight to memory dear.

TINDALL.—A tribute of loving remembrance to Nathaniel A. Tindall (Nat.), who departed this life April 27, 1903. Inserted by Bridgie Morrissey. Gone but not forgotten.

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THE NEW FEDERAL MINISTRY.

With the announcement this morning of the personnel of the new Federal Ministry all doubts as to its purely Labour composition will be set at rest. Mr. Watson has called the caucus to his council, and the free hand he was supposed to have been given seems to have found a very limited swing. How far his freedom was extended could be seen when he proposed to take in Mr. Trenwith, whose experience as a Minister and whose undoubted debating ability would have made him an acquisition while maintaining the character of the Cabinet. The idea of such a recognition of capacity was scouted at the outset, and since such an exponent of moderate Labour principles was rejected it became almost certain that no outsider would have a chance. What appealed to many thoughtful minds as the right policy for Mr. Watson to pursue, taking the Labour point of view by way of argument, was to form a Ministry which would draw the radicals together to reinforce the caucus minority. The ideal Ministry, for instance, would have contained Sir Frederick Holder or Sir George Turner, even if substantial concessions had to be made to persuade them to take office. But to mention Sir Frederick Holder's name is to realise that his way of looking at things is not that of the caucus, however much Mr. Watson himself might be inclined to be reasonable. Mr. Kingston was the limit of possibility, and then rather because of his weight with the party outside and on account of his long experience as a Minister. The unpledged leader or follower of Labour is anathema, as Mr. Trenwith knows only too well. Brought down, then, to the stern facts of the situation, Mr. Watson has been obliged to confine himself to the party, taking in Mr. Higgins in desperation to cover the weakness which must be abject before such able constitutional champions as Mr. Reid, Mr. Deakin, and Mr. Isaacs, to mention but three out of several. Mr. Hughes, as Attorney-General, would have been hopeless in a crisis, however hardworking and willing he might have been otherwise, and he was apparently the first to admit as much. But the inclusion of Mr. Higgins may be accepted as the crown of Mr. Watson's failure to form a moderate Ministry. His Attorney-General has been in State politics for so long, that it is not unfair to argue that other Premiers have been afraid to take him as a colleague. His undoubted ability, his force of character, and his experience as a lawyer should have long ago qualified him for office, but only now in Mr. Watson's extremity has a portfolio come to Mr. Higgins.

Thus we have a Ministry without Ministerial experience. The modicum of administrative knowledge gained at first hand by such members of the new Cabinet as Mr. Batchelor and Senator Dawson cannot be considered as worth very much, and the truth is that each Minister must lean hard upon the permanent officials of the various departments. It might perhaps be argued that the Federal departments are something like Mr. Pickwick's cab, whose extra large wheels were supposed to have the faculty of keeping a most unlikely horse on his feet. On such showing, with the work of half a dozen ex-Premiers to fall back upon, the new Ministers should be able to keep going, and soon their own energy would make up for lack of a practical grasp of details at the commencement. But to raise the question in this shape only makes comparisons inevitable. The first Federal Ministry, taking Mr. Deakin as a continuation, was composed of the most experienced men from the State Cabinets. The second Federal Ministry is made up almost entirely of untried politicians, the representatives of a class, and tied hand and foot to a caucus vote. There is no possible nexus between them, and the contrast is as sharp and cruel as it can be. To assume that, because one Cabinet was composed of strong men, the second Cabinet may be expected to do fairly well if weak and inexperienced is to flout commonsense, and it should be quite unnecessary to labour the point. Besides the affairs of the Commonwealth require at the present moment the strongest statesmanship and the best Ministerial training. It is not a time for tyros, but for well-tried men—the ablest we can find. The trouble has been that the first Federal Ministry was not strong enough for the situation, and succumbed to it. How, then, can Mr. Watson and his colleagues expect to stand where others fell? But this again raises the question of his demand for time to show what he can do. Why should he be given time? His cablegrams to the old country seeking to reassure all and sundry that he may be trusted not to go to extremes must be read in the light of his failure to form a moderate Ministry. They stand for a weakness as abject in its way as anything shown by the Prime Ministers who preceded him. Here is a prominent politician, the leader of a party whose boast has been that it is not afraid of advertising and of striving for its goal, telling the world that he is prepared to go very slow. The Labour party if a lion in the path is to roar gently as any sucking dove. Compromise, opportunism, anything to keep office, are to be the mottoes of the new Ministry. This should be the best of reasons for putting the new Government at once to the test of an adverse vote. Had it been a Ministry composed even in part of moderate men, with any chance of appealing to a majority in the House of Representatives, there might be some reason in the call for time. As it is the reasons are all strong against granting a lease of life. Time granted will be time wasted, and the tendency will be to play upon the worst instincts of members in the effort to retain office. To allow the Watson Government to hold office for any length of time will certainly not help us abroad; and while it will probably disgust the electors of the Commonwealth, and pave the way for an enduring coalition, the danger is lest the interval of unrest will prejudice the immense interests and responsibilities of the Australian union.

THE POLITICAL GAME.

The statements by Mr. Wise at Muswellbrook and Singleton as to the intentions of the Ministry in general, and with respect to a local government scheme in particular, would be more valuable if we knew exactly who Mr. Wise, in the Ministerial and political sense, really is. As Attorney-General we knew him, and as an ingenious and versatile politician we know him still, but as Acting Premier he occupies a position not recognised by the Constitution. Mr. Wise may tell us with his happily familiar facility that the office of Premier is unknown to the Constitution, but we are accustomed to that anomaly, and we have yet to get used to an Acting Premier with Mr. Wise assuming the responsibilities of that somewhat nondescript office. We know that Sir John See is still in touch with his duties as Premier, for if not there is no Ministry at all. He may return at any moment, and Mr. Wise offers us no guarantee that he as Premier will ratify any action or policy to which the Acting Premier may have sought to commit him. Possibly Mr. Wise may have some such assurance to offer or authority to quote, but then Mr. Wise has also committed himself at Muswellbrook to the hardy assertion that the reduction in the number of members of Parliament had been effected "in the teeth of the Sydney press." Most people will have a distinct recollection that the Government, of which Mr. Wise is a distinguished member, hung that question up for some years until the pressure of public opinion through the press forced it to take action in the teeth of its own supporters, if we may borrow Mr. Wise's Attic phrase.

It will not have escaped attention that when the Government was thus forced to take action to reduce the number of members of the State Parliament, it shirked its responsibility and took refuge behind a referendum. Some years previously it professed to have won a general election on a platform of which this was a main plank. But the verdict of the people at a general election was not enough. The Government asked for a referendum, and got it; and although the conditions were so fixed that the odds were against a reduction, while the minimum was fixed higher than public opinion demanded through the press and in public meeting, the referendum carried the reduction, as everyone felt at the time, against the real wish of the Government. It is instructive to observe that in this matter of a Local Government Bill Mr. Wise has sketched a scheme which Sir John See on his return may or may not endorse, which aims at enabling Ministers to shelter their responsibility behind a convention. This pleasing device is a political invention of quite recent date. It is so contrived that whenever a question of policy crops up, so important in character that an old-fashioned Cabinet would stand or fall by it, the Ministry of to-day can conveniently shelve its responsibility. It matters little what name the device goes by. It may be a referendum, or a Royal Commission, or a select committee, or a convention. Whatever it is, it is put up as a shield between public opinion or public censure and the Government, and the question of high policy is decided without Ministers committing themselves either way. They table a suggestion, and leave others to work it out. When the decision is given Ministers more or less obediently carry it into effect, and all critics are referred to the finding of the referendum, or commission, or committee, or convention, as the case may be. In old days Ministries submitted their general policies to the people at large at a general election. Now they subdivide the responsibility in the fashion described. In the present instance, it will be seen Mr. Wise displays his versatility by favouring a convention.

But the Acting Premier is careful to try to avoid the obvious criticism which this evasion of Ministerial responsibility might invite. Mr. Wise "hedges," in point of fact. He allows himself two chances. One is that the real Premier, on his return from New Zealand, may repudiate the whole thing, as Mr. Waddell's famous Cowra speech was repudiated. The other is suggested by his definition of the convention—this people's convention which is to bring local government, as Mr. Wise says, within the reach of practical politics. "This convention," he explained, "should not supersede Parliament or the work of Parliament." That means, of course, that Parliament will not be bound by its findings, or, in other words, it is not intended to constitute a body to usurp the functions of Parliament. The members of the popular Chamber will doubtless be cheered by this patronising assurance from an Acting Premier sitting in a nominee House. But it really was not necessary. All Mr. Wise proposes is that the convention will do the work with which the Government is constitutionally charged, and put before Parliament the details of a bill of which the convention shares the responsibility of authorship with Ministers. Of course Mr. Wise says that the convention will not relieve the Government of responsibility, but is Mr. Wise in a position to assure us of this? When he speaks of submitting the question after the convention to the people, does he mean to another referendum or at the general election? If the former it looks as if the Acting Premier had patented a device to conduct the business of the country without a Premier, with conventions in place of Ministers, and with the referendum to carry bills instead of Parliament. Under those conditions Ministers would only continue to hold office to draw unreduced salaries, and Parliament would sit to record the verdicts of the people under the referendum. To all this it can but be added that Mr. Wise seldom fails to prove entertaining when he permits his lively invention and fancy to have full play in matters of this kind. If the public cannot accept him as a serious politician, that leaves it the more free to appreciate him in the lighter and more congenial capacity. But this hardly tends to inspire confidence in his local government scheme. The people of New South Wales have been promised such a measure in perhaps every Governor's speech during the adult lifetime of the present generation. It is one of the things the country now specially wants, as a corollary of Federation and of the reduction in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly. But how can the country now take this proposal seriously, presented as it is, and within a few months of the dissolution of Parliament?

TAXING COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY.

Yesterday's decision of the High Court in the matter of the Municipal Council of Sydney against the Commonwealth of Australia will be received with mingled feelings. The ratepayers of Sydney will regret to learn that it is the unanimous opinion of the High Court that property held by the Commonwealth in the city is not subject to taxation. If it were, the rates now levied might be sensibly lowered, to the natural joy of citizens who find themselves heavily taxed for the purposes of civic government. This regret will be shared by ratepayers in other centres of population in which are situated buildings used by the Commonwealth for purposes of the Departments of Customs, Posts and Telegraphs, and Defence; for, if the action of the Sydney Municipal Council had been successful, every municipality in Australia which boasted the possession of a post-office would immediately proceed to levy rates thereon. A contrary decision to that yesterday pronounced would thus have meant a considerable addition to the revenues of municipalities: an addition large enough, probably, to warrant the general reduction of the municipal rate, to the benefit of ratepayers. But really the matter is as broad as it is long. The taxation of Commonwealth property by the municipalities would mean that the Federal Government would find the necessary money by taking it out of the revenue returnable to States by the Commonwealth. To be sure that might be no great harm. The local bodies would gain a revenue and spend it economically, and the State Governments would have the less Federal money to waste.

The section of the Constitution Act on which the whole matter hinged is that which provides, amongst other things, that a State shall not impose any tax on property of any kind belonging to the Commonwealth. Amongst the powers passed over to a municipality by the State in which it is situated there cannot be included powers which the State does not possess. This position seems plain enough. In the United States, where there is no such express inhibition of the taxation of federal property by States, it has been held that the States cannot tax the property and lawful agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government, or even the United States stock held by a State bank. How much clearer is the issue here in view of the express provision of the Constitution Act. Nor can it be said that this provision is of a tyrannical nature, pressing hard upon municipalities. Once its injustice were proved there is a way out of the difficulty, provided by the section in question. The State may lawfully impose a tax on Commonwealth property with the consent of the Federal Parliament, and all that has to be done is to present so strong a case as will induce members of Parliament to give the necessary consent. For the present it does not appear that any agitation to secure this end is either necessary or advisable. The States and the municipalities can get along comfortably enough without securing a revenue with one hand which will have to be paid back with another. There is, moreover, this consideration: that the taxation of such Commonwealth activities as post-offices might mean the withdrawal of facilities. The Federal authorities might be in a position to show that the imposition of taxation prevented the continuance of such activities in different centres, and the people would lose more by the reduction of facilities for communication than the municipalities could hope to gain by the payment of rates.

OUR INDUSTRIES.

Mr. Coghlan's report on the manufacturing industries of the State for 1903, as presented in another column, furnishes an eloquent commentary on the theory that protection and arbitration create and foster industries and increase employment. There has indeed been a substantial increase in recent years in the value of the plant and machinery used in New South Wales, but this has not involved the happy condition of affairs promised by the prophets—a condition of affairs in which every manufacturer was to be prosperous and every man was to be in a position to do regular work at the highest wages. We have been told of the marvellous increase of industries under the protectionist regime established by the Federal Parliament, and this was also proclaimed as proof that the Arbitration Court had somehow much increased the industrial position, but we look in vain, so far as our own State is concerned, for actual proof of this increase. It is, of course, true that the conditions subsisting in the year reviewed by the Government Statistician were unfavourable, owing to the drought, to the establishment or strengthening of new developments of industry. But the fiscal theory on which the first two Federal Premiers pinned their hopes ought to be of service in bad years as well as in good: In good years any sort of fiscal policy will pass muster, and people will not worry to discriminate between the tendencies of a theory which aims at the absolute protection of local industries and the tendencies of a theory which regards Customs duties in the light of revenue only. It is plain from Mr. Coghlan's figures that the protectionist principles imposed on us by the Federal Parliament have not in any way helped us to weather the bad times.

An inevitable sequence of protection is, moreover, to be noted in the matter of the sex of the persons employed in manufacturing industries. If we look at the table showing the hands employed in each of the five years, 1899-1903, we are struck with the remarkable increase of female employees. In 1899 there were 47,033 men employed, as compared with 8583 women; in 1903, the number of men had increased to 52,463, whilst the number of women had increased to 13,212. Anybody can see from these two sets of comparisons the great increase in the employment of women relatively to men. There are, we believe, some who would look upon this increase as a satisfactory sign. We confess that we do not agree with them, for it is a known fact that the employment of women means not only lower wages, but the displacement of men. It would not matter so much, perhaps, if the men thus displaced were found other employment, whether in the promotion of our industries elsewhere or in the development of our natural resources. But are they? With the constant, bitter cry of the unemployed, raised not only here but in other States, we cannot lay this flattering unction to our soul. Nor can we see much cause for jubilation in another item in Mr. Coghlan's report—the increase of employed children under 15 years. Indeed, the less said about this the better; not that there is any reason to believe that children are unduly taxed, but because in a regular state of affairs children of this age are meant to grow and not to work, and because they would not be employed in factories if there were not a necessity imposed on employers to secure cheap labour, and on parents to turn every wage-earning factor to use. Tried by bad seasons, the protectionist policy has been proved untrustworthy from beginning to end; but as it seems that the Commonwealth cannot get away from it, we must put up with it for the present, in the hope that never again will it be put in our State to so severe a test.

The "Sydney Mail."—In the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" the large number of people who visited the Horticultural Fete at the Exhibition Building will be interested to find a pictorial record of that successful effort. Both with camera and with pencil "Mail" artists have portrayed the leading features of this picturesque show, from the motor-car procession to the stallholders. An illustrated special article deals with "Continental" autumn bathing at Manly, which has become so marked a feature of life in that seaside suburb. There are a number of pictures recording a trip by the "Mail" travelling photographer from Warwick to Toowoomba, through the famous Darling Downs, which give an admirable idea of the richness and scenic attractions of these fertile districts. A full page is devoted to a striking photograph of Lord Cardigan, the champion three-year-old of the year. There is an article, accompanied by a portrait, of the successful feat of Mr. Melvin Vaniman in taking unique photographs of Sydney from a balloon 900ft above sea level. Mr. Vaniman, who had to specially invent the apparatus necessary for his feat, has had considerable experience of Canada and New South Wales, and makes some interesting comparisons in favour of the resources of this State. Other portraits include the late Dr. Blaxland, Dr. Sydney Jones (Vice-Chancellor, Sydney University), members of the New Federal Ministry, etc. An interesting picture from the Herbert River shows a 16ft alligator, captured alive.

Reception of the Governor-General.—The Government is desirous of according a hearty welcome to the Governor-General and Lady Northcote on their arrival in Sydney, on Friday, May 6. Accordingly, a committee, consisting of heads of departments, has been appointed to draw up a programme of ceremonies. The committee consists of Mr. J. M. Gibson, Under-Secretary to the Chief Secretary's Department, Mr. J. Davis, Under-Secretary for Works, Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, Mr. Garvin, Inspector-General of Police. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Lees, is to be asked to act as chairman of the committee, and General Finn will also be requested, on his return from a visit to Melbourne, to act on the committee.

The Acting Premier and his Mission.—Singleton was the scene of Mr. Wise's activity last night, and the Attorney-General found for himself a congenial theme. Prefacing his address with the explanation that he was not there to defend the Government, which needed no defence, but to tell what it had done and intended to do, he lost himself in an inglorious assault on the press and all the critics of the Government. Then he defended the See Ministry's financing, and claimed that it had done such good work—that no critic would dare to suggest the repeal of any of its measures. He spoke of the local government scheme, and then sat down. His time was limited, and as most of it was devoted to remarks about the newspapers the promised history and forecast were rather disappointing as to quantity. To-day Mr. Wise will speak at Quirindi.

Public Works Committee.—The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday further considered the evidence on the proposed railway from Wyalong to Hillston, with a view to reporting on the subject to the Legislative Assembly. After debate, it was resolved that it was not expedient to construct the line as proposed. The committee then adjourned to the following day.

Railway Ticket-Scalping.—A deputation representing residents of the districts of Bundanoon and Goulburn was introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday morning, by Messrs. M'Court and Ashton, Ms.L.A., who asked the Commissioners to reconsider their decision to withdraw the cheap week-end excursion tickets from Bundanoon to Goulburn. It was stated that, owing to the facilities for travel by the issue of these tickets, numbers of persons had erected private residences. Boarding-houses had also been established, and the owners would be practically ruined if the cheap tickets were withdrawn. The deputation understood the Commissioners had been actuated in their decision by the operations of ticket "scalpers," but it was urged that the people generally should not be made to suffer for the misdeeds of a few. The Commissioners stated that they took the action they did, as being the only means to check the loss of revenue caused by improper trafficking in tickets. It was not only the dealings referred to which affected the Commissioners, but the fact that large numbers of people in the country districts sent to Sydney to purchase return excursion tickets, for the purpose of avoiding the payment of the ordinary single fare. In view, however, of the representations made, the Commissioners promised to give the matter further consideration.

Presentation of the Stanhope Medal.—The superintendent of the P. and O. Company (Mr. E. Trelawny) yesterday received a communication from London stating that Mr. J. Shearme, third officer of the P. and O. steamer Candia, was recently presented with the Stanhope gold medal by Mr. H. H. Joseph, general manager of the company, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society. The presentation took place on board the steamer Arabia at Tilbury Dock, in the presence of the whole of the ship's officers and crew, and various P. and O. officials. The Stanhope gold medal is awarded by the society in recognition of what is adjudged to be the greatest act of heroism performed during the year. Mr. Shearme, while fourth officer of the Malacca, leaped overboard one night in the China Sea, during a heavy sea, with a strong tide running, and rescued one of the ship's quartermasters who had fallen overboard.

Waterspouts off the Heads.—An interesting sight in the form of a series of huge waterspouts was witnessed yesterday from the Heads. The Acting Government Meteorologist, Mr. H. A. Hunt, states that the first waterspout noticed was a small one, and formed at 8 a.m. about 20 miles to the east. At about a quarter past 8 o'clock a very large waterspout was observed, also about 20 miles to the eastward. It was visible for about 20 minutes, when it disappeared behind a rain squall. Another very large one appeared at 11.10 a.m. about 12 miles to the eastward. It lasted for a quarter of an hour, then broke at about 150ft from the surface of the sea. Two small spouts were visible at the same time to the ENE. At 11.30 a.m. another waterspout formed whilst a very heavy thunderstorm was raging at sea. Captain Duncan, master of the barque Onyx, which arrived here yesterday from New Zealand, reports that when nearing the Australian coast, numbers of waterspouts were seen.

The New P. and O. Liner.—The R.M.S. Marmora, the third of the four splendid new mail steamers recently built for the Australian mail service of the P. and O. Company, will arrive at Sydney on her maiden voyage to-morrow morning. She is the largest of the fleet of the company, and is about 1000 tons larger than the new steamers Mongolia and Moldavia, which recently paid their first visits to Port Jackson. The Marmora is described as a magnificent vessel, and is superbly fitted up and luxuriously furnished. She has accommodation for 377 first saloon and 187 second saloon passengers, and she carries a crew numbering 320. On the voyage out from England the Marmora was detained for seven hours at Port Said by a severe sand-storm, which prevented her from entering the canal. The new State Governor of Victoria, who was a passenger by the Marmora, joined the vessel at Suez. Upon arrival at Aden, it was learned that the German mail steamship Oldenberg, of the fleet of the Nord-deutscher Lloyd, had broken down, and 80 of her passengers were transferred to the Marmora.

The Canadian Mail Service.—The R.M.S. Moana, of the Canadian-Australian mail line, arrived at Sydney yesterday afternoon, and berthed at Flood's wharf, on the western side of the Circular Quay. Upon leaving Victoria (British Columbia), the Moana encountered adverse weather conditions, lasting for several days, but pleasant weather was experienced on the run from Honolulu. The Moana has been temporarily taken off the service, in order that she may receive a complete overhaul at this port. Her place will be taken by the new twin-screw steamer Manuka, which will sail from Sydney with a full complement of passengers on the 16th prox.

San Francisco Mail Service.—Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., managing agents for the Oceanic S.S. Co.'s A. and A. line, were yesterday in receipt of a cable message notifying the arrival of the R.M.S. Sierra at San Francisco early on Monday morning, the 25th inst. The Sierra left Sydney on April 4, and her mails should reach Chicago on April 29, and New York the following day, where connection will be made with one of the fast Atlantic liners due in England on May 7. In connection with this line, an artistically executed time-table card for office display has just been issued. It gives the arrival and departure of the mails from Sydney to London and the principal centres in America. It will be found most useful to merchants and others, as the time-table includes dates of arrivals and departures up to the end of May, 1905.

The University commemoration will take place on Saturday, at 11.30 a.m., in the Town Hall. Candidates for degrees are notified by advertisement that they should sign the register of graduates not later than to-morrow.

In an advertisement elsewhere, applications are invited for the combined position of council clerk and inspector of nuisances to the municipality of Kogarah. The commencing salary is £160 per annum.

An excursion for the Hawkesbury River will leave Sydney by train this morning at 9.5. The last excursion of the season will be made on Friday next.

At St. James' Hall, Phillip-street, last night, Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, M.A., delivered a lecture, entitled "Shakespeare's Home." Miss Macdonald, principal of the Women's College, presided. The lecture was illustrated by a number of views, showing Shakespeare's home, and other places of interest at Stratford-on-Avon. The proceeds were in aid of the Queen Victoria scholarship fund, to educate girls at the Sydney University.

The R.A.A. Band will (weather permitting) play in the Botanic Gardens this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

THE WEATHER.

MORE RAIN ON THE SEABOARD.

There are no indications of the weather clearing up on the coast, and more rain is predicted for to-day. Showery conditions have now prevailed on the seaboard for a considerable time past, but very little rain has been received inland. During the 24 hours ended at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 130 points was registered at Kiama, 107 at Port Stephens, 95 at Wollongong, and 55 at Raymond Terrace. A number of places reported falls of a quarter of an inch, while at Parramatta 40 points was measured.

Nearly an inch of rain was recorded in Sydney during the 24 hours ended yesterday morning. Light showers fell during the day, an additional amount of 10 points being recorded up to 9 p.m. After that hour, however, steady rain fell, and the weather was still unsettled at midnight.

It was showery at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Bellambi, Carcoar, Lawson, Lake Macquarie Heads, Newcastle, Port Stephens, South Head, Sydney, Windsor, and Yass.

A heavy thunderstorm from the north-east was experienced at 5.30 p.m. yesterday at Orange, as a result of which 138 points of rain was registered. Showery conditions prevailed late last night at Port Macquarie, Manning Heads, Newcastle, South Head, and Wollongong.

TO-DAY.

Kensington Races: First event, 2.15 p.m.
Excursion to Hawkesbury River. Train 9.5 a.m.
Coursing at Rooty Hill: Train 9.55 a.m.
Gas-cooking Demonstration (Raleigh's New Paragon): School of Arts, 2.30 p.m.
Presbyterian Lay Association Harbour Excursion: Fort Macquarie, 7.45 p.m.
Election Meetings: Alderman J. C. Beer, Harris-street and Pyrmont Bridge-road, 8 p.m.; Alderman Samuel E. Lees, St. John's Schoolroom, Darlinghurst, 8 p.m.; Alderman J. C. Griffin, Botany Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Newtown Methodist Sunday-school: Reunion, 7.30 p.m.
St. James' Hall: Juvenile Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Hairdressers' Union: Concert, Trades Hall, 8 p.m.
Women's Political League: School of Arts, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Unitarian Church: Hyde Park, debate 8 p.m.
Centenary Hall: Popular entertainment, 8 p.m.
A.N.A., Darlington Branch: Entertainment, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Light that Failed," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Great Millionaire," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "Red Riding Hood," 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "A Message from Mars," 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus: Belmore Park, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chute: Manly, 2.30 to 10 p.m.
Cyclorama, George-street: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

CLEANSING THE ROLLS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Electoral officers throughout the Commonwealth are engaged in cleansing the Commonwealth rolls of error, and bringing them, as far as possible, up to date. It is pointed out by the secretary to the department that the opportunity should be taken by all persons entitled to vote to have their names enrolled. Such a course would prevent the rush that takes place at the last moment before an election occurs. This advice is, in view of the unsettled state of Federal politics, particularly applicable at the present moment. Complaints of disfranchisement were common after the December election, but since then there has been comparatively little anxiety on the part of the people to ensure against further disappointment.

HIGH COURT ASSOCIATES.

Each Justice of the High Court has his associate. At the last meeting of the Deakin Executive to-day the resignations were received from Mr. T. R. Bavin and Mr. J. Flannery, who held the positions of associates to Mr. Justice Barton and Mr. Justice O'Connor respectively; and Mr. W. A. Barton and Mr. H. E. Manning were appointed to the vacancies. Mr. W. A. Barton is the son of Sir Edmund. It is a curious coincidence that Messrs. Bavin and Flannery should pass out of the Commonwealth service on the same day as the Ministry with which their association began as the respective secretaries to Sir Edmund Barton and Senator O'Connor at the inauguration of federation.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITES.

SIR JOHN FORREST MAKES A RECOMMENDATION.

Sir John Forrest has prepared a report on his recent tour of inspection and the work of the official surveyors in the Tumut and Bombala districts. When the House meets to-morrow his conclusions on the subject will probably be laid on the table, but until then Sir John declines to announce his opinion. It is known, however, that he has definitely recommended one particular site for selection by members. This is a distinct change from the previous attitude of the Barton-Deakin Ministry on the question, and is probably influenced by Sir John Forrest's departure from office. It is understood that he will strongly support the selection of Dalgety, and that his choice will be backed by considerable reasonings.

STATE VERSUS COMMONWEALTH.

HIGH COURT DECISIONS BEARING UPON CIVIL SERVANTS.

Mr. Deakin to-day referred to the decisions given by the High Court in Sydney declaring that a Commonwealth Civil servant could not be compelled to affix a duty stamp to salary receipts, and that municipalities could not tax Commonwealth properties. These decisions, Mr. Deakin remarked, had an important bearing upon the amendment to include State servants in the Arbitration Bill which last week led to the defeat of the Government. He said that the effect of the judgment in the stamp case would support the judgment of Mr. Justice Clarke, and was opposed to the decision of Chief Justice Dodds and Mr. Justice M'Intyre, of the Tasmanian Full Court. It also incidentally appeared to dispose of Dr. Wollaston's case, decided by Chief Justice Madden in Victoria. In this case it was held that Commonwealth public servants were liable to pay income tax to the State Government. In the municipalities case the decisions might have some bearing on the State imports case. It did not decide it, added Mr. Deakin, but the two cases taken together, in so far as they deal with the relative rights of the Commonwealth and the States, are in complete relation to the questions which were before the House in the discussion on last week's amendment.

PERSONAL.

Colonel Mackay, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council, returned to Sydney yesterday. He has been absent for several weeks on a visit to India.

The Electorates Commission having completed its labours in connection with the redistribution of seats for the Legislative Assembly, Mr. H. A. G. Curry, one of the members of the commission, yesterday resumed his duties as Under-Secretary for Lands. Mr. Edward Macfarlane discharged the duties of Acting Under-Secretary for Lands while Mr. Curry presided over the Land Appeal Court during the absence of Mr. A. Oliver. Mr. Macfarlane having had to discharge double duties, has been granted two months' leave of absence.

The Minister for Works, Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, left last evening on a visit to Singleton, and will be present at the functions that are to be attended there to-day by his Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson.

Dr. Riley, Anglican Bishop of Perth, has been installed as Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Commissioner of Railways of Western Australia, Mr. W. J. George, will attend the conference of Commissioners of Railways in Sydney on May 5.

The cablegram announcing the death at Sydney of Mrs. Copeland, the wife of the Agent-General, has (says our London correspondent on March 25) brought Mr. Copeland many messages of sympathy and condolence both from his friends here and those in Australia. Among the cablegrams were one from the Ministry of New South Wales, one from his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, the State Governor, and one from Mr. West, secretary, land trustees, Trades Hall, Sydney.

Major H. M. Dangar, Royal Australian Artillery, was presented to his Majesty at the recent levee held at St. James' Palace (writes our London correspondent on March 25).

Our Narandera correspondent has telegraphed:—The town has sustained a great loss in Mr. F. A. Smith, who recently disposed of his business, and has taken his departure for Bethungra. Mr. Smith was an energetic townsman, and was always in the van in any object to benefit the town and district. He was local secretary of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, and only recently resigned his seat on the borough council, after occupying the mayoral chair for the past four years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's hospitality was widely extended.

We are informed that Miss Florence Fuller, mentioned in the cables yesterday as having her picture hung in the Academy, is now in Perth, Western Australia, and is having a small exhibition of her paintings. She is returning from a visit to England, Paris, and Italy, and expects to reach Sydney in July next.

Mr. William George, an esteemed resident of Bowral for 24 years, died on Sunday afternoon, aged 60. The deceased went through the Maori war. He was the father of Oddfellowship here, also a member of the Masonic lodge and the local volunteer infantry. His remains were interred yesterday afternoon in the Church of England cemetery, the funeral being largely attended.

Advices have been received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen, that applications for the position of Honorary Consul for Denmark at Sydney will be received up to July 1.

DOUGLAS PARK TRAGEDY.

VERDICT OF MURDER.

PICTON, Tuesday.

To-day the inquest in connection with the death of Charles Smith, who was killed on March 24 near Douglas Park, was concluded before the coroner, Mr. R. H. Antill. The man Harra Deen was present in custody. Inspector Morrow represented the police. A considerable amount of evidence was taken. The jury returned a verdict of murder against Harra Deen, who was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on May 30.

THE WAR.

CROSSING THE YALU.

RUSSIAN PRECAUTIONS.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

THE VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

SINKS A JAPANESE BOAT.

LONDON, April 26.

Yesterday the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan, on the east coast of Korea, 115 miles north-east of Seoul, was alarmed by the arrival of three of the Vladivostock cruisers and two torpedo craft, which sank the Japanese 371-ton steamer Goyo Maru.

The cruise of the Vladivostock vessels is attributed to the idea of intercepting unprotected transports.

A message from St. Petersburg states that Japanese warships are off Vladivostock.

ARMIES AT THE YALU.

DISPOSITION OF THE TROOPS.

LONDON, April 25.

Russian troops are guarding the Yalu at Ta-tung-kau (below the mouth of the river) and also at Chang-seng (which is about 35 miles to the north-east of Wiju).

Reuter's correspondent states that the Japanese lines extend from Yougampho to a place situated 10 miles above Wiju.

The Russians' greatest force, Reuter's correspondent states, is at Antung.

One island above Wiju and two islands below it are regarded as the keys to the position.

A JAPANESE DETACHMENT CROSSES.

RUSSIANS REINFORCING THEIR OUTPOSTS.

LONDON, April 26.

General Kuropatkin, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, reports that two companies of Japanese infantry and some cavalry have crossed the Yalu, near Sispoussikhe (above Wiju), and that General Sassulitch, in consequence of this movement, has reinforced his outposts.

The Japanese are also preparing to cross the river at Pyok-tong, about 50 miles in a direct line north-east of Wiju.

RUSSIANS IN NORTHERN KOREA.

DISCREDITED REPORTS.

LONDON, April 26.

The recent reports of the presence of Cossacks between Gensan and Puk-chong (on the east coast of Korea) for the purpose of creating a diversion on the Japanese right are discredited, and have never been officially confirmed.

READY FOR THE ADVANCE.

LONDON, April 25.

Foreign military attaches at Tokio have been warned to be ready to proceed to the front.

SICKNESS AMONGST THE RUSSIANS.

TEN THOUSAND IN HOSPITAL.

LONDON, April 25.

In military circles at Kieff it is asserted that 10,000 troops are in the Manchurian hospitals, and that they are suffering chiefly from typhoid fever.

RUSSIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

SUPPOSED ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

ARREST OF TWO JAPANESE.

LONDON, April 25.

Two Japanese, who were disguised as Chinese beggars, approached General Kuropatkin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria, at Niuchwang. Whilst he was speaking, one of the Japanese was observed to put his hand inside his dress, whereupon a Cossack felled him to the ground.

Upon both the Japanese knives were found, indicating that they intended to assassinate General Kuropatkin.

LARGE RUSSIAN LOAN.

NEGOTIATED IN FRANCE.

LONDON, April 26.

Russia has negotiated with a Paris syndicate for a loan of £32,000,000 on 5 per cent. Treasury bonds at £98. The syndicate guarantees £16,000,000.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL.

LONDON, April 25.

The Chinese propose for the sake of ensuring greater security to remove the arsenal from Shanghai to Wu-hu.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

A small force of Japanese has succeeded in crossing the Yalu not far distant from the mouth of the river, where, until the last few weeks, great blocks of ice had been drifting out into Korea Bay. All the news to hand is a bare, brief message from General Kuropatkin. In the absence of details it is impossible to say whether the Japanese will be able to retain the footing they have gained on the Manchurian side of the stream. We are told that Russian forces are being hurried to the point of landing, and as a counter-balance to this we have the statement that the Japanese will attempt another crossing near Pyok-dong. This town is about 70 miles from the mouth of the river, and 35 to 40 miles from the scene of the actual crossing. The geographical details are, however, secondary to the fact that the campaign has now reached a vital stage. When the winter ends in Korea or Manchuria the change is at once marvellous, so quickly is the transformation from bitter cold to genial spring weather. Above everything else we are impressed by the notice to the military attaches to get ready to proceed to the front. This means business.

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The land campaign may be said to have actively commenced. The Japanese gained a huge advantage by virtually sweeping away Russian sea power in Eastern waters. This enabled the Mikado's generals to establish their armies in Korea as far north as the Yalu itself, with only the losses consequent upon a few skirmishes with Cossack patrols. The almost exasperating brevity of Kuropatkin's message may indicate that the long-expected crisis has come at the Yalu. But if this be so, it also means more. The Japanese operate, so to speak, "by book." Their campaign will be gigantic in its comprehensiveness. Every possible Russian movement will be met. The plan will be most elaborately and scientifically worked out. The Japanese pride themselves on winning battles as much by force of brain as force of arms. It is well known that Admiral Togo was trained in the British naval school, and that, with Admirals Uriu and Kamimura, he has signally defeated the Russian Admirals by adopting British methods. This aspect of Japan's intellectual weight is their reply to the Russian charge of the barbarism of Dai Nippon. Baron Komura, from whom the Japanese Consul in Sydney periodically receives optimistic messages, was a classmate of President Roosevelt at the School of Law, Harvard. He is now Japanese Foreign Minister. Admiral Uriu is a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy. These facts enlighten us to the extent to which Russia, although tackling a despised coloured race, is combatting ideas gained in America and British naval and military academies. To these ideas were added the characteristic astuteness, cunning, and slimness of the Oriental. This quality displayed itself in Korea, where Japan was engaged in constructing the Fusan-Seoul railway before the war. The wily Japs. laid up great quantities of army supplies under the guise of railway stores.

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The campaign in its present stage may be compared to the situation in 1894, when the Mikado's forces were pitted against the hordes of the puppet-Emperor of the Middle Kingdom. In that war the Japanese First Army Corps followed up its success at Ping-yang by crossing the Yalu, while a second army was allotted the task of capturing Port Arthur. The initial humiliation of the Russians in their present struggle is amply demonstrated by the fact that they were not able to make even the semblance of a stand at Ping-yang or at any other of the several formidable positions on the Korean side of the Yalu. It is worth noting that as in 1894 Port Arthur is not an active threat to the Japanese, and just the same now as then, the garrison can be held in check by a containing force on the neck of the Peninsula if a landing be made at Kin-chau or thereabouts, where the railway can be easily dominated. There is another comparison which is apropos, and that is that the remnant of the Russian squadron in Port Arthur is what has come to be technically designated a "fleet in being," and that was precisely the position of the Chinese naval leader Ting. The Japanese on this occasion are, however, unlikely to repeat a bad mistake which they made 10 years ago. That mistake was in utilising their full naval strength to cover the landing of troops, thereby allowing Ting to escape to Wei-hai-wei, across the Yellow Sea, where he had to be "dug out." Moreover, both at Port Arthur and Wei-hai-wei, there was, in 1894, a certain amount of confusion. At Port Arthur Japanese warships fired on Japanese soldiers who had taken possession of some of the forts. This error has been attributed to defective signalling. At Wei-hai-wei the situation was reversed. These facts are mentioned merely with the object of showing that however elaborate a plan of campaign may be, certain mistakes are likely to occur. We may go further and say they are inevitable. Leaving that point of view and turning to the strategical prospects, there is a strong probability that Port Arthur will experience its previous lot of a land attack, while the Russian squadron, instead of having an opportunity to escape like the Chinese ships, will either eventually surrender or suffer the fate of the Variag and the Koreitz.

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At last we hear something of the Vladivostock cruiser squadron. There is, however, something peculiar in two reports coming simultaneously—one to the effect that the Japanese have appeared off that great fortress, and another message that Gensan, on the east coast of Korea, has been thrown into consternation by the appearance of three Russian cruisers and two torpedo craft from Vladivostock. There is a definite ring in the report from Gensan, and yet it seems almost incredible that the Russian cruisers should go so far from their base while the Japanese are in command of the sea. It is not the first time that Gensan has been disturbed by the enemy, but hitherto its terror has been due merely to rumour. Gensan offers splendid facilities as a starting point for Japanese troops bound for the upper reaches of the Yalu, but the strict secrecy observed has prevented the world from knowing much of the movements in that quarter. The Japanese community at Gensan numbered quite 3000 before the war. In respect of this particular message, however, the point that particularly strikes one is the danger of the Russian squadron being intercepted and blown up by the superior Japanese warships. Reported events, so far as they affect Vladivostock, must be put down as doubtful.

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It is eminently gratifying that General Kurpatkin escapes the knives of his would-be assassins. The attempt, it may be assumed, represented private fanatical patriotism—a murderous passion with which Japanese leaders will disclaim any sympathy. Kuropatkin is 56 years of age, and although he has seen much fighting—the most valuable of his experience having been gained under Skobeloff in the Turkish war—the task which he has been set in the East is far and away the greatest problem of his brilliant career. To a certain extent his mission may be compared with that of Lord Roberts in South Africa; it will probably be admitted that he is facing greater difficulties than did the British Field Marshal a few years ago. If Kuropatkin is successful, his fame as a soldier will dwarf that of Suwarrow and Skobeloff. In South Africa there was a conspiracy to kill Lord Roberts. The world is thankful when such attempts fail, and among the messages the Russian General will receive will probably be one of courteous congratulation from the Mikado.

WAITING FOR THE TRUTH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 25.

The war continues, of course, to attract great attention here, although there are many other questions which have a serious hold on the interest of the public. For the time there is a lull in authentic news of the Far East, and the fact that the newspaper correspondents in Northern Korea have been sent back to Seoul is not promising as regards immediate enlightenment. All that we know is that the Japanese preparations are going on very steadily, that the Japanese censorship is very strict, and that, in Japanese quarters here, supposed to be in touch with official information, a tone of complete confidence prevails, without any trace of bombast. As to unauthentic and even palpably manufactured information, there is certainly no dearth to complain of. This was to be looked for, perhaps, during the lull in the military operations, but it would be interesting to know something as to the genesis of the "news." A little of it, favourable to the Japanese side, seems to filter through from Tokio, a certain amount, favourable to the Russians, comes from St. Petersburg, and now and then a canard, capable of keping on the wing for the space of an hour or two, originates in the city. But it is said that there are rather busy factories for this sort of thing in certain of the Chinese treaty ports, from which we undoubtedly derived some very remarkable information during the Boxer rising. The fall of Port Arthur, and its occupation by the Japanese, the destruction of two Japanese battleships, a Russian victory on the Yalu, and the capture of 1800 Japanese prisoners, are samples of the last few days, and of course the fall of Port Arthur may prove to be nothing worse than a piece of "intelligent anticipation." In any case these rumours serve to keep alive the interest of sensation lovers while we are waiting for news that can be depended on.

LAKE GEORGE MINES.

LONDON, April 26.

An action has been commenced by the Lake George Mines against Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Anthony Gibbs and Co., F. A. Keating, and C. E. Bright, to recover damages for alleged fraudulent misrepresentations by which plaintiffs were induced to purchase the mine, resulting in the loss of the whole of the capital.

Defendants deny the allegations of fraud, and counter-claim £1754 expended on behalf of plaintiffs.

SPECIAL CABLES.

(FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.

RESTRICTION BILL IN ENGLAND.

READ THE SECOND TIME.

LONDON, April 24.

In the House of Commons last night Sir Charles Dilke submitted the following amendment to the Aliens Bill (designed to restrict the immigration of undesirable aliens):—"That the House before assenting to the measure assures itself that the bill safeguards the principle of asylum for the victims of persecution."

He urged that the evils of cheap alien labour would best be met by anti-sweating legislation.

The amendment was negatived by 241 votes to 117.

Mr. Asquith said that the bill was unworkable, and was at variance with the best British traditions. He was willing, however, to empower the Courts to expel convicted aliens. Overcrowding was a matter for legislation. As long as the bill simply regulated immigration, the question of undesirables was national, and not local. The victims of persecution ought always to be assured an asylum.

Mr. H. Norman, Major Gordon, and Mr. S. C. Buxton warmly supported the bill.

Mr. Akers Douglas, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, emphasised the safeguard in Parliamentary criticism of the administration of the bill.

The bill was read the second time.

ROYAL VISITS.

LONDON, April 26.

King Edward VII., Queen Alexandra, and the Princess Victoria are at Holyhead, and are proceeding to Ireland.

The Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales have arrived at Stuttgart, Germany.

GERMANY.

IMPROVED RAILWAY RETURNS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE KAISER.

LONDON, April 26.

The "Daily News" states that the German Emperor, finding that the railway revenue is £5,000,000 above the amount received for the 1903 year, has ordered the Legislature to add £150,000 to the charitable funds of the railway officials and men.

THE FINANCES.

A CHRONIC DEFICIT.

LONDON, April 25.

Baron von Stengel, the German Imperial Treasurer, speaking in the Reichstag, said that he anticipates that there will be a chronic Imperial deficit of £5,000,000 until such time as the new Custom duties become operative.

TURKEY AND GREECE.

TROUBLE IN ASIA MINOR.

LONDON, April 26.

The Turks, contrary to the existing treaty, imposed upon a Greek tradesman at Smyrna, Asia Minor, a license duty, and closed his shop in default of payment.

... Delyannis, the secretary of the Greek Consulate, a dragoman, and four kavasses, reopened the premises.

The police and 50 Turkish soldiers struck all the members of the Greek party with the butts of their rifles, and wounded M. Delyannis, who fired in self-defence.

M. Delyannis and those with him were arrested, but were subsequently released at the instance of the French Consul-General, M. Blanc.

The Ottoman Minister, in the face of the excitement caused by the incident in Greece, has promised satisfaction.

BRITISH IN THIBET.

LONDON, April 26.

The Dalai Lama has provided the Chinese Amban at Lhassa with an escort to proceed to Gyangtse to confer with Colonel Younghusband.

TYRANNY OF A SEAMEN'S SYNDICATE.

RESISTED BY OFFICERS.

LONDON, April 25.

The captains and officers of the Association of the Mercantile Marine at Marseilles have struck, owing to some officers having been put ashore at the instance of the seamen's syndicate, whose tyranny is regarded as intolerable.

Many vessels have been rendered idle.

CHINESE WARSHIP SUNK.

LONDON, April 26.

The Chinese cruiser Hai-tien, 4300 tons, struck a rock at the Elliott Islands, off Dalny, during a fog, and sank.

BRITISH POLITICS.

LONDON, April 26.

Mr. Chamberlain, in the course of a speech at Birmingham, stated that there would be no general election in 1904.

CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYERS.

LONDON, April 25.

In a billiard match between C. Dawson (the retired billiard champion) and H. W. Stevenson (the ex-champion) the former beat the latter by 870 in a game of 18,000 up.

DEATH OF FRED MACCABE.

LONDON, April 25.

The death is announced of Mr. Fred. MacCabe, the comedian.

The late Fred. M'Cabe was an entertainer who belonged almost to a former generation of theatregoers, as he was touring the world 30 years ago, and very early in the eighties Australia. He again appeared at the Sydney School of Arts in "Begone, Dull Care," in 1888, but the veteran ventriloquist was then declining in power. He was, however, always a good artist, and in his day an immense favourite.

WOOL ARRIVALS.

LONDON, April 26.

The oversea arrivals of wool to date are 297,553 bales, of which 128,500 bales have been forwarded direct to manufacturers, leaving available for the forthcoming sales 183,000 bales.

SILVER.

LONDON, April 26.

The price of bar silver to-day is 2s 0 15-16d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16d.

SOUTH AFRICA.

ATTITUDE OF THE BOERS.

DEFINED BY GENERAL BOTHA.

LONDON, April 25.

General Botha, speaking at a meeting of the Dutch held at Johannesburg for the purpose of electing delegates to attend a Boer congress, which is to be held in May, denied that a single Boer intended to revolt.

Nevertheless, he said, at the right time and in the right manner the Boers meant to exercise their vote, and would not submit to become a political plaything.

General Botha deprecated racial dissension, and advised the Afrikanders to adhere to their old method.

TRANSVAAL SUPPLIES.

PURCHASES THROUGH CROWN AGENTS.

LONDON, April 26.

Mr. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has upheld the instructions that all Transvaal departmental supplies of articles not produced in South Africa should be purchased through Crown agents in the interests of the colonial taxpayer, also to pay due regard to the claims of the British manufacturer, and to prevent the pressure of middlemen.

CHINESE LABOUR.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S APPROVAL.

REASONS FOR ITS IMPORTATION.

LONDON, April 26.

Mr. Chamberlain, in replying to a correspondent who wrote to him in reference to the importation of Chinese into the Transvaal, assumes that the Government is satisfied that the condition he laid down has been fulfilled, namely, that the introduction of Asiatics into the Transvaal was desired by the great majority of the whites. In the two colonies, he says, the whites decline to undertake inferior labour, and the two forms of labour are materially dependent upon the other.

If the Asiatics prove a success, Mr. Chamberlain continues, it will pave the way for a great increase in the British workmen. The Chinaman will be a temporary resident, and is intelligent enough to care for himself. The Chinaman knows what terms he will be engaged upon, and he will not accept them unless it is to his advantage to do so.

Ill-treatment, Mr. Chamberlain says, would be impossible under the supervision proposed. If it was possible, it would be the worst policy on the part of those desiring to attract Chinamen. They might rely upon his continued assistance.

The agitation against the Chinese, Mr. Chamberlain concluded, was groundless, and was started for political reasons. He was not certain, however, that the employment of Chinese would be an economic success.

HUNGARY TROUBLES.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED.

FIRMNESS OF THE PREMIER.

LONDON, April 26.

The action of Count Tisza, in summoning the military reserves, withdrew 1000 men from the strikers, and this precipitated the collapse of the strike.

Owing to the detention of 34 ringleaders of the railway strike in Hungary and the encounter at Elesd, where the gendarmes volleyed upon the socialists, killing 23 of them and wounding 40 others after the commander of the gendarmes had been shot, the socialists in Hungary are organising a general strike.

Count Tisza, the Premier, threatens to proclaim martial law throughout the whole kingdom.

M. LOUBET IN ITALY.

LONDON, April 26.

In the speeches at the dinner given by King Victor Emmanuel III. to President Loubet at the Quirinal, the traditions of affinity, friendship, co-operation, and peace between France and Italy were emphasised.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

LONDON, April 25.

The Pope has thanked M. Delcasse, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, for preventing the Capuchin monks from being expelled from Abyssinia.

THE INDIAN ARMY.

COMMISSIONS FOR NATIVE PRINCES.

LONDON, April 26.

Seven young Indian Princes, who are members of the Imperial Cadet Corps, will shortly receive commissions in the regular army.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE SATURDAY EXPRESS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

An arrangement has been arrived at by the Railway Departments of Victoria and South Australia to resume the running of express trains between Melbourne and Adelaide on Saturdays, commencing on May 7. The trains will be run at the same hours as he express on other days.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The State Governor, Sir Reginald Talbot, held his first Executive Council to-day. At this meeting Mr. Swinburne was sworn in as Minister for Water Supply.

A juror in the Criminal Court to-day attended in such a condition that Mr. Justice Hood ordered him to be imprisoned for 24 hours. He admitted having been drinking.

The gold shipments from Melbourne to-day by the R.M.S. Ophir consist of £9000.

Mr. James Scobie is still at Rupertswood, and making very satisfactory progress.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

At 5.45 o'clock this morning Constable Nation, who was on his beat in Gilles-street, noticed a young man walking without coat, hat, or boots along the footpath, and carrying a candlestick. Concluding that the man was walking in his sleep, the policeman followed him into Gilbert-street, when the walker suddenly woke up and was seized with a fit as the constable approached, becoming unconscious. The officer conveyed the man to the hospital, and after some hours the patient regained consciousness and left the institution apparently in good health.

The railway commission received some startling evidence to-day from the chief storekeeper dealing with the question of overstocking. He stated that in the department there were large quantities of material which had never been used, and for which there seemed to be no demand in the Government service.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Another case of plague occurred in Brisbane to-day, the patient being a boy 16 years of age, working in a produce store near Roma-street markets. The two patients at present in the Colmslie Plague Hospital will be discharged to-morrow.

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FEDERAL CRISIS.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

PORTFOLIOS FINALLY ALLOTTED.

SWEARING-IN TO-DAY.

CAUCUS OF LABOUR PARTY.

FEARS FOR THE GOVERNMENT STABILITY.

OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP.

PROSPECTS OF A COMPROMISE.

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

DESIRE FOR AN ADJOURNMENT.

WILL IT BE GRANTED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Mr. Watson has at least succeeded in forming his Ministry, and late this afternoon he announced its constitution to the Governor-General, who expressed his approval of it. A special meeting of the Executive Council will be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the new Ministers will be sworn in, and probably a Cabinet meeting will be afterwards held. The names are as follows:—

Mr. WATSON, Prime Minister and Treasurer.

Mr. HUGHES, External Affairs.

Mr. HIGGINS, Attorney-General.

Mr. BATCHELOR, Home Affairs.

Mr. FISHER, Customs.

Senator DAWSON, Defence.

Mr. MAHON, Postmaster-General.

Senator M'GREGOR, Vice-President of the Executive Council.

Mr. Tudor is to be Whip in the House of Representatives.

At 2.30 p.m. the Ministry will meet the House, and it is intended to ask for a three weeks' adjournment to enable it to formulate its policy. This will probably be granted, though there are rumours that an attempt is to be made to oust the Government at that sitting. The attempt, however, is likely to fail, as the sense of members generally is averse to any such summary proceeding, because to dismiss it without even the semblance of a trial is regarded as against the spirit of representative institutions, and is calculated to engender sympathy even in quarters where the Government policy is not likely to be acceptable.

CABALS IN THE CAMPS.

It is undeniable that there are cabals in each of the political camps, and that in the Opposition party led by Mr. Reid and that led by Mr. Deakin there are members who will be willing to make a determined effort to put out Mr. Watson and his colleagues, because they hold that his position is not the result of the political convictions of a majority of the House, but a vote in which some voters took the position they did avowedly for the purpose of defeating and destroying the Deakin Government, while others acted from conscientious political motives, but are not willing to support a Labour Government. In both these parties to-day conversations have been taking place, and the chances of success in any ... pt to oust the Government canvassed. None of the party leaders are appearing in it, and it is well known that Mr. Deakin will not lend his countenance to it in any way. Then there is a party in the Labour room which is vexed for some reason or other. It has been at cross-purposes ever since the crisis was talked about. It doubted the expediency of bringing forward the amendment which brought about the defeat of the Government, and has since made no secret that it does not believe a Labour Government will last. Not only so, but it argues that Labour will lose prestige rather than gain it. It reasons that people outside will accuse the party of hunger for office, whereas it is well known that it never sought it until it thought it could govern by force of numbers—an attribute which it does not possess at present. One portion of their contention is quite right. The party did not wish to come into power at the present juncture, because it was not prepared to submit a policy which would satisfy itself or its supporters. It would have preferred to remain in its old quarters, "squeezing" concessions out of any Government in exchange for support, and acting as a disturbing force in the politics of the Commonwealth until the proper time arrived. There are also some among Labour members who feel that they have not been treated fairly in the allotment of portfolios. That is natural, but party discipline will prevail over them to such an extent that they will give public support to the Ministry even though they should privately desire its downfall.

With other parties the case is, of course, different. Some of those who feel inclined to make an onslaught on the Government benches express themselves that it is a national disgrace that the Labour party should lead the Commonwealth in its politics. But, as has been said before, if they decide to make any attempt, they are not likely to be successful.

PARTY MEETINGS.

Two meetings of parties are to be held to-morrow—the Deakin party at half-past 1, instead of 3 o'clock, as previously announced; the Reid party at a quarter to 2. The hour of meeting of the Deakin party has been changed, because it was represented that some understanding should be arrived at before the House assembles, rather than that members should act in the dark. That of the Reid party is as originally fixed, and will be held in the Opposition room; while the Deakin party will sit in the Ministerial room. Mr. Deakin himself will preside at his gathering, and Mr. Reid at his.

UNDER WHICH KING?

Very early in the life of parties will come the question which leader shall lead the Opposition. The Ministerial party will go into direct opposition. Sir George Turner and Mr. Chapman have already pinned their cards to the front Opposition bench, and Mr. Deakin is said to contemplate going with them. Mr. M'Lean, who sat on the Government cross benches, has shifted to the Opposition cross benches, and will sit in company with Messrs. Knox, Skene, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Gibb, and Mr. Robinson, who were rather independent members of Mr. Reid's Opposition than blind followers of it. The Labour benches will, of course, be vacant, as its members will line up on the Government benches. But who shall lead? Mr Reid has already announced that his Opposition in the Federal Parliament has a majority, and that it has a leader—himself. Mr. Deakin is understood to mean to assert his right to the leadership of the Opposition, and to make his claim at the earliest moment. He will not do anything politically unfair, and will insist that his followers shall act in concert with him. Discussing the relative chances of Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid to the permanent leadership of the Opposition, several members to-day gave it as their opinion that Mr. Deakin should take the position. As head of the displaced Government, he is, they reason, entitled to it by all Parliamentary practice. The fact that Mr. Reid is the leader of the present Opposition does not, in their opinion, weigh in the least. They also point to Mr. Reid's frequent absences from Parliament during last session, and consider this an additional reason why he should not be entrusted with the leadership. To put the matter shortly, they argue that Mr. Reid has not looked after his business in the past, and only the loyalty of his followers has kept the party together. Mr. Deakin is likely to attend more regularly, and to exercise a much better vigilance than Mr. Reid has been able to do. Therefore he should be leader.

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

FIVE VICTORIAN MEMBERS.

The great probability of the new Ministry being hurried to early destruction makes the leadership of the Opposition of chiefest importance. The leader of the Opposition at any time is fairly certain of one day becoming Prime Minister. To occupy that position in Federal politics to-morrow means that the coveted election might come at any moment. Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin are really not contending for command of a strong Opposition. They are, in fact, striking for the leadership of a strong Government. That is the point of rivalry.

Under such conditions any incident bearing on the situation is of supreme importance. If the point were to be settled by point of numbers led by the rivals before the fall of Mr. Deakin's Government, the honour would go to Mr. Reid. There was a development to-day, however, which might lead to a majority of those opposed to Mr. Watson following the ex-Prime Minister. It will be remembered that in the first Parliament Mr. Reid's party included four Victorians. The December elections gave him an addition of one. From this State, whose Oppositionists were then Messrs. Knox, Skene, Gibb, Robinson, and Wilson, Mr. Wilson took his seat on the benches behind Mr. Reid whilst others occupied the cross-benches. To-day, however, the names of the five members were found together on the front cross-bench. It appears that they have decided to form a compact and independent little party. Under ordinary conditions such a combination would have no signification, but as parties now stand it is most important. It means that Messrs. Knox, Skene, Gibbs, Robinson, and Wilson hold in their hands the balance of the majority between Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin. It is true that the party association should ensure their allegiance to Mr. Reid, but interstate feeling is strong in the House, and the opinion to-day was that they show preference for the retiring Prime Minister. They were never advanced freetraders, and all now oppose the tariff disturbance. Their opposition to the Barton-Deakin Government was chiefly based on their emphatic protests against its subservience to the socialistic domination. Under the circumstances they will probably now support the policy that will give them a Victorian for a leader.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT.

SOME IMPORTANT PHASES.

WILL AN ADJOURNMENT BE GRANTED?

A prominent constitutionalist in the House of Representatives, when discussing to-night Mr. Watson's having consented to form a Ministry, said:—

"It is generally understood that when one accepts a commission from the King or his representative to form a Government, it is on the understanding that when he submits the names of the Ministry he has ascertained and is able to assure the Sovereign or representative that he has a working majority in the House willing to support him, and is thus in a position to carry on the King's Government. If he is not able to give this assurance the commission is returned; but on the present occasion, with nothing to lose and everything to gain, no such information is likely to be supplied to the Governor-General, and in my opinion his Excellency cannot accept the Ministry without being satisfied by a distinct assurance on this point.

"Mr. Watson has 23 supporters, and may add a few from the tail of both parties, but he has no majority of the 75 members of the House of Representatives, nor has he made any arrangement which will ensure it. He is solely relying on Mr. Deakin's generosity to keep him in office. After deserting Mr. Deakin, who had always shown a desire to assist, as far as he properly could, legislation wanted by the Labour party, and after treating him with much ingratitude, he and his 22 supporters are relying absolutely upon the support of those they have treated so unfairly and so ungenerously. They are not looking for support to the 13 members of the Opposition whose aid they were willing to avail themselves of to defeat the Deakin Government that they said they loved so much. They know that the unholy combination was only for the purpose of 'biting the hand that fed them,' and that they can no longer in the least degree rely upon it to carry on their Government. They are relying without any promise whatever absolutely on the support of the Deakin party that they have hurled from office.

"Can there be a greater travesty on constitutional usage? All that is an arrogant sham of being advertised as being "sent for." The 23 sitting in conclave to select themselves, and to have the £12,000 a year divided amongst them, to recommend seven of themselves to high public offices, to meet Parliament and ask for as long a period to prepare their policy as the House will give them, knowing all the time that their policy has been made for them long ago, and knowing well that they are only 23 out of 75, and that they have no arrangement with and no promise of any adequate support from either Mr. Deakin or Mr. Reid to give the minority a lease of power for a single day. Unless they have secured the support of a majority of the House the proceeding is one unknown in any constitutionally-governed country, and we are going to allow such a thing in Australia."

A LABOUR CAUCUS.

REALISATION OF WEAKNESS.

POLICY OF MODERATION.

The dominant feature of the Labour caucus held this afternoon was the general recognition of the extremely precarious hold which Labour has on the Treasury benches. There was no attempt to conceal the fact that members joined in discussing the best way to buttress their small but compact party. It was pointed out early in the discussion that the chances of the new Ministry depended almost absolutely on the maintenance of a clear line of cleavage between the forces led by Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin. As long as those factions remained divided then Mr. Watson was tolerably safe in his occupancy of the front Treasury benches. Some apprehension was shown lest the late Prime Minister and the Freetrade leader should reach some agreement before the House meets to-morrow, and thus dismiss the new Ministry before its policy had been expounded. It was stoutly urged, however, that Mr. Deakin was most unlikely to agree to such a proposal. Members pointed out that it would be somewhat remarkable for the ex-leader of the House to recommend Mr. Watson to the Governor-General, and then to at once enter into negotiations for his downfall. Mr. Deakin's personal relations, too, with the new Ministry were held to be sufficient to prevent him seeking an unfair advantage.

The caucus was fully alive to the ludicrous situation which the meeting of the House of Representatives to-morrow must disclose, for on the Ministerial benches will sit five and twenty of Mr. Watson's followers, while across the table will be arrayed upwards of fifty Oppositionists. The continuance of such a performance would be as farcical as it is impossible. What, then, is the best solution of this was the question to which the caucus applied itself.

Of course it was admitted that too much must not be built on temporary disagreement between Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin, displayed by the anxiety of each to receive official recognition as commander of the Opposition forces. Such a split can only be temporary. A union of forces is bound to follow in a few weeks. All this the caucus realised. The conclusions reached were difficult to obtain, but it is understood that two lines of policy were indicated. One is that Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin must be kept apart as long as possible, and the other to win over in the meantime some of their followers to the Labour benches. To achieve the latter desire it was thought that a moderate policy should be speedily propounded. It was claimed that many of the members led by both Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid represent Labour constituencies, that they have always voted for Labour measures, and their deepest sympathies are really with the new Government, and that a policy of moderation must win their support, and probably enough of it to give Mr. Watson a majority. It was stated that there are several men sitting behind Mr. Reid who will not tolerate a coalition with Mr. Deakin in opposition to Labour, and vice versa. Other speakers pointed out that the sinking of the fiscal issue, which such a combination must necessitate, will destroy the allegiance of some of Mr. Reid's supporters.

It is no doubt true that the parties led by Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin each include Labour sympathisers. Perhaps some will join Mr. Watson in preference to pooling with a coalition. Such derelictions, however, are not likely to be sufficiently numerous to give a majority to the Ministry.

MR. REID'S CRITICISM RESERVED.

Mr. Reid declined to-night to in any way discuss the personnel of the new Ministry.

"I shall reserve anything I have to say," he remarked, "until the House meets to-morrow."

PROSPECTS OF A COALITION.

It is undoubted that a coalition between Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin can be brought about. Indeed there are already mutual friends acting as go-betweens, but how long it may be before the two leaders meet to discuss matters does not appear very clear. There is a probability that there can be no coalition until one or other is deposed, and therefore a compromise is suggested.

The precedents of the Fysh-Braddon Ministry in Tasmania, the Gillies-Deakin Ministry in Victoria, and the Kingston-Holder Government in South Australia are cited, and the question to be decided is whether it shall be called the Reid-Deakin or Deakin-Reid coalition.

Mr. Reid refuses to speak just now on any subject connected with the situation, and his followers are almost equally reticent. Mr. Deakin's followers, however, are not so reticent. They claim that Mr. Deakin has laid it down that any coming together must be aboveboard, natural, and fair. Mr. Deakin has propounded a policy. They don't know yet which policy Mr. Reid is prepared to put forward. At the elections he took up a purely negative attitude, and before he can compel anybody to enter into an alliance with him he must show his cards. That is, they contend, an indispensable condition precedent, and a reasonable one, too.

One member to-day was asked his opinion on this coalition question. He answered that Mr. Reid's policy is not yet known, and added: —"There are attempts with which I am in full sympathy to bring one about, but I don't think it will come just yet. Our party is very sore with Mr. Reid's followers for voting as they did just to destroy the Government, and we shall have to wait awhile till that feeling wears off a little. Just now we are too jealous of Mr. Reid and his party to be altogether reasonable, but if Mr. Watson gets a three weeks' adjournment to make up his policy the bitterness of feeling will have worn off a good deal, and there will be more chance of a coalition than there is now."

"Will you give the Watson Government a fair chance for proving itself?" was asked.

"If Mr. Watson goes on with a moderate programme—and I fancy he can see far enough ahead to do that—we shall, I honestly believe, take his measures at their proper value. We don't want to do anything that will look like factious opposition, but, if he tries than labour fads, out he will go. He must play up to us instead of expecting us to play down to him."

"Then the Labour Government will hold office on sufferance?" was asked.

"On sufferance, and only on sufferance, Mr. Watson will have a chance of finding out how hard it was for Sir Edmund Barton and Mr. Deakin to carry on, and will have to forbear when he would like to be firm. He shall have a dose or two of his own medicine before he is done."

"You don't think a coalition is possible yet?"

To this the answer was "It is not possible to-day, or to-morrow, but it may be next month. All that is wanted is for tempers to calm down, and each side to trust the other. Mr. Reid has said some hard things of us, but we may forgive him if he will come halfway to meet us."

EXIT DEFEATED MINISTERS.

This was the day of farewells amongst retiring Ministers. They attended their last Executive this morning, and then hastened back to their offices to superintend packing up. Mr. Deakin was as gay as usual, but some of his colleagues were palpably depressed. Sir William Lyne appeared very downcast, and evidently recognises that without a following in the House, or any claim as a representative of the general feeling in New South Wales, his chances of future office in the federation are very shadowy. Still, Sir William is a master engineer, and his surprise appearances in important posts may not yet be at an end. Sir John Forrest's speech in the House last week cost him some friends. He, too, is without the support of a personal following or public opinion. Possibly his recent attitude foreshadows a change of leadership. Speculaton as to the futures of Sir P. Fysh, Mr. Chapman, and Senator Drake was not very excited, but all sections of the House join in regret at the departure from the Treasury of Sir George Turner.

QUESTION OF SEATS.

Already a more reasonable feeling is taking possession of ex-Ministerialists in regard to the front Opposition bench. A couple of days ago they threatened to clash, and meant to carry out their threat—to fill up that bench, and compel Mr. Reid and his fellow occupants to go elsewhere. But they have looked up authorities since then, and find that they will be in the wrong. The Standing Orders provide that any member taking a seat at the beginning of the Parliament, except the Government benches, shall be entitled to hold it, if he chooses, for the rest of that Parliament. Therefore Mr. Reid and those with him cannot be dispossessed, except with their own consent. Room can be found for Mr. Deakin, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Chapman on the front Opposition benches with a little crowding, and there will be plenty of space on the cross-benches for the rest of the party if they wish to indicate by their seats what their political opinions are.

PRECEDENCE OF MINISTERS.

When the Barton Government was formed the Minister for External Affairs was head of the Ministry. Then came the Attorney-General and the Minister for Home Affairs. When Mr. Kingston resigned last July, and Sir William Lyne took his place, the Minister of Customs was made third Minister, and the Minister of Home Affairs fourth. When reconstruction became necessary, owing to the retirement of Sir Edmund Barton, and Mr. Deakin became Prime Minister, Sir William Lyne took second place in the Ministry, and the Attorney-General went down to fifth place. That was the order of precedence for the rest of the life of the Government. Mr. Watson has instituted a different order. As Treasurer he takes first place, because he is Prime Minister, and the Minister for External Affairs comes second. The third Minister is the Attorney-General, the fourth is the Minister for Home Affairs, the fifth is the Minister for Customs, the sixth is Minister for Defence, and the junior Minister of all among the salaried Ministers is the Postmaster-General. The Vice-president of the Executive Council comes last on the list, and there will come other honorary Ministers, should they be appointed. Mr. Tudor, whip of the Labour party in the House of Representatives, will be the Government whip, while the whip in the Senate has yet to be appointed.

AMONGST THE TRADES-UNIONISTS.

EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION.

CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADER.

"If Watson is satisfied, we are," or words to that effect, was the answer that was generally received in labour circles last night in reply to the questioning observations relative to the new Ministry made by a "Herald" representative amongst the unionists at the Trades Hall. "Of course, we, in conjunction with unionists all over the Commonwealth, are very sorry that Mr. Kingston was unable to accept a portfolio." It was generally recognised that the Ministry was deficient in one respect—that was the absence of Mr. Kingston's name from the list. Otherwise, in the majority of instances, satisfaction was freely expressed. Some of the older hands, however, thought that the list should have contained two more men with experience of office at least, so as to enable the new Ministry to avoid the pitfalls that a body of men unaccustomed to office might be led into through no fault of their own.

All were agreed that the position of Mr. Watson was unique in many respects. While he was a young and zealous man, he was, it was admitted, surrounded with men of his party who, although as desirous of serving the Commonwealth as the men of any of the other parties, were wholly inexperienced in the intricacies of Ministerial work. No matter where one happened to seek for information, it was impossible to find in the Labour ranks a pessimist who would declare that the task facing the new Ministry was impossible of accomplishment. Satisfaction greeted the inquirer at every point.

Any undue attempt to shorten the life of the new Ministry will, it is pointed out, be bitterly resented by the people as an unfair procedure. Such tactics had never been resorted to by the Labour party, which had always been prepared to give a new Ministry a trial. Whatever action Mr. Watson and his

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colleagues decide upon, they will receive the whole-souled endorsement of organised labour in this State.

WHAT MR. T. THROWER SAYS.

"A STRONG TEAM."

"The team is a strong one," said Mr. Thomas Thrower, secretary of the Sydney Labour Council, to a "Herald" representative last night, when shown the list of Mr. Watson's colleagues, "and with fair treatment from the other parties, should give a good account of itself." But he contended that if the parties in opposition, as now led by Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid respectively, went together for the purpose of throwing out the new Ministry, they would have to go before the electors and show them why Mr. Watson's policy should be rejected without trial. He hoped that one of the first things the new Government would undertake would be the definite fixing of the Federal capital site at an early date. If they succeeded in doing that, they would have done more than the others had during the whole time they had been in office. There was no doubt that the tariff as it at present stood would be maintained. A majority of the Ministry held protectionist views. Unless something unforeseen occurred he thought the new Ministry had a long and useful career ahead of it.

WHAT MR. WATSON OVERLOOKED.

DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME.

CONSOLIDATED OPPOSITION ANTICIPATED.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. BRUCE SMITH.

Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., was waited upon yesterday, on his return from Melbourne, and asked by a "Herald" representative to express an opinion in regard to the situation in Federal politics.

"I purposely abstained," he said, "from voting in the division in which the Government was defeated. I am, of course, opposed to the Public Service of the States, or any portion of it, being brought under the jurisdiction of a Commonwealth Arbitration Court, so that I could not see my way to voting in its favour, even temporarily, in order to defeat the Deakin Government, but I did not consider myself under any obligation to assist the Government in so vital a division, because it was a sort of stile which they had to get over, and as on former occasions, when the Opposition has helped them in an extremity, they had renewed their humiliating subservience to the Labour party, I concluded that by helping them in this case I should be only contributing to a further career of the same servile sacrifice of political principle. I felt convinced, too, that as the House was constituted the inclusion of the State Public Services would never be finally passed by it; and, even if it were, that the High Court would be unanimous in pronouncing it an overreaching of the implied limitations of the Constitution in regard to the autonomy of the States. I therefore declined to vote at all, for of the two evils—the temporary adoption of the amendment and the continued existence of the Deakin Government—I considered the former the lesser evil.

"I am of opinion that Mr. Watson has been so carried away by the honour of being 'sent for,' that he has lost sight of a well-known constitutional principle which should have guided him. When the leader of a party is commissioned to form a Government he is expected to ascertain whether he has any reasonable prospect of securing a working majority, and, if he has not, he is expected (by constitutional practice) to return the commission, and recommend that some other leader, more capable than himself of commanding such a majority, should be sent for.

"Mr. Watson has more than double the number of his own party confronting him. It is true that circumstances may for a short time prevent a hearty co-operation of the two sections which are now in Opposition, but he (Mr. Watson) cannot be in doubt that, when the first disinclination to cohesion is got over, the common purpose will quickly bring about assimilation and create a consolidated and overwhelming party in opposition to that of Labour.

"In my opinion it is to be regretted that such an unimportant question as the right to certain sitting accommodation should be raised, for it is above all things important that the followers of Mr. Deakin, and of Mr. Reid, should 'forgather' and forget their past differences in the higher and more important consideration of the Commonwealth's interests. I have little doubt that that consideration will dominate all others almost immediately, and that a consolidated party, in favour of steady, moderate, anti-class legislation, will be evolved out of the two somewhat aloof sections of to-day. It is most important that that result should be attained as soon as possible, and it depends upon Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin whether the new Government shall be disposed of as soon as they announce themselves, or be allowed to launch themselves upon the country with their socialist programme. There is much to be said on either side, for possibly a taste of such a programme as is contained in the Labour platform would rouse all classes opposed to socialism to a true sense of the urgency of taking an increased interest in political affairs. On the other hand, the promulgation of such a programme might—if it seemed likely to be put into practice—do Australia much injury in Great Britain.

"Mr. Watson has intimated to the 'Daily Chronicle,' according to to-day's cables, that he is going to be 'cautious' or 'moderate;' but, seeing that he is not his own political master, it is hard to understand how he is going to travel outside his party or 'caucus' platform, which has been already frequently published. I foresaw all this, and spoke of it in the House on the Address in Reply. Mr. Watson is in this difficulty: If he puts forward a Ministerial programme which is true to the Labour platform he will sound a note of danger to every thoughtful and moderate citizen in Australia. If, on the other hand, he modifies the Labour platform in order to be 'moderate,' as he terms it, he will alienate the faith and support of thousands of the supporters of his party, who will call for their political pound of flesh, and not trouble themselves much about the new cry of 'caution' and moderation. Mr. Bromley, the leader of the Labour party in the Victorian State Parliament, explained in detail in Saturday's 'Age' what the platform meant in regard to one or two of its 'planks.' He intimated that the whole of the coastal shipping should be taken over by the State, and that the ocean portion could be taken later; and he was good enough to say that the party would not approve of actual confiscation of the lands of Australia in their desire to nationalise them, but would establish a system of progressive taxation, without exemptions, and so raise enough money to pay for the lands which would be compulsorily taken by the State. Presuming that Mr. Bromley understands the Labour platform and its hidden meanings, the public will get a suggestion of what we may expect from the Watson Government if they are allowed a lease of power."

MR. CARRUTHERS' OPINION.

THE REAL ISSUE.

Mr. Carruthers, leader of the State Opposition, when invited last night to express his opinion of the composition of Mr. Watson's Ministry, said that Mr. Higgins was the only member who was not one of the Labour solidarity party, and he would certainly not be an element of strength to the new Government, for he was not a popular man, and was a man who made no friends. As for the others, not any had any great influence, but they were doubtless good enough in their way. It was not worth while criticising the new Ministers personally, however. There was a far bigger issue involved than whether this or that man was a good man or a bad man. The issue was whether 23 men were going to rule the country by caucus.

VIEWS OF STATE LABOUR MEMBERS.

Mr. M'Gowen, leader of the Labour party in the State Parliament of New South Wales, upon being informed of the personnel of the Ministry, said it was a pretty strong team, and would compare favourably with any Ministry that could have been formed from the other parties. Mr. Kingston's absence weakened it a little, but yet it was not weak by any means.

"Will the Ministry stand?" "Well that depends upon the other parties. If a majority vote be against the Ministry well it will go down, but the question is this: Is the Federal Parliament going to play with politics? If the members are going to do that well they will have to answer to the people for their actions. The Parliament brought this Ministry into existence, and surely it will get a chance to do something and then to be judged by its actions. I am quite satisfied with the strength and power of the Ministry if it receives fair play. That is all that is wanted."

Mr. J. R. Dacey, another member of the State Labour party, remarked that the team was a pretty solid one, and contained, with the exception of Mr. Higgins, all solidarity men. He added:—"If this team gets a fair trial it will astonish people by its work, and what is more it will have an influence for good upon the State elections. People may say what they like," continued Mr. Dacey, "but the path of the Labour party is a plain and straightforward one, and from my personal knowledge of Mr. Watson he is a clear and level headed man, well able to guide any Ministry, and you may rest assured the Ministry will not take any rash step as some people seem inclined to think they will. Moderation you will find will be their watchword. The Labour party's policy has been well defined, both in respect to State and Federal politics, and I am satisfied that the Watson Ministry will not swerve to the right or to the left, but in the end it will be said that its actions were a distinct gain to the welfare of the Commonwealth.

THE INTERSTATE PRESS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The "Register," after pointing out that the Labour party cannot be specially blamed for seeking lucrative offices, and suggesting that as advocates of economy they should reduce the lavish pay of Ministers, remarks that while a carpenter may not earn £2 10s a week without serving an apprenticeship, a Parliamentary cabinetmaker is paid £2500 a year, although he has not the slightest experience of the trade political. The journal adds:—"What is chiefly noticeable in the case of the Watson Ministry is the fact that official experience it at probably an unprecedented discount in its ranks. This is better worth noting because, as Mr. Watson, already sees, thunder-charged storm clouds loom ahead, and inexpert hands may do more than a little mischief in attempting to work the State ship. For the first time in the annals of the Federal Parliament the element of revenge, a very bitter and impelling factor in politics, has been introduced by the slaying of a Ministry, and feeling that it was done merely in order that one set of aspiring men might replace another, according to the present outlook there is not much chance of the new Government carrying its scheme to oppress the States and deprive them of more and more of their individuality; and failing to succeed in this object resignation must surely be the only course to a Ministry which, when in opposition, killed another Administration in the hope of securing such success. The talk of the Governor-General having promised to grant Mr. Watson a dissolution in such circumstances must be regarded as simply talk, and nothing more. Lord Northcote has more respect for the Constitution, for the etiquette matter, and for the verities of the political situation, than to give an undertaking of the kind—an undertaking which might be accepted as having no parallel in Parliamentary history. Dissolution cannot, with any seemliness or regard for common precedent or commonsense, be granted until the impossibility of conducting the business of Parliament shall have been unmistakably demonstrated. The downfall of the Watson Government, whether early or late, would not supply that demonstration. At the best only two points of the triangle would then have been tried. Mr. Reid represents the third, and would have to be reckoned with and tried before the House could be sent to the country.

At the right time, however, the public will want to know whether the Watson Ministry is to be an independent body, as it ought to be, or whether it will owe and have to pay fealty to the caucus in which the new Premier has been the principal figure. Will there be an imperium in imperio? In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it is but right to assume that he will be unfettered in his movements. Indeed, any other relation to his old colleagues would surely be intolerable to a man of spirit, and verily Mr. Watson will have worries and responsibilities enough and to spare, without this extra complication. For an untried man the post of Prime Minister should in itself be sufficiently arduous. What then shall be said when the Treasurership is superadded to it? While no man undertaking unaccustomed tasks should be judged adversely until after he shall have justified such verdict, one cannot reflect without misgiving upon the fact that Mr. Watson has never been suspected of any special knowledge or ability as a financier, and all that is left to the public is to hope for the best, and fear the not so good. Mr. Batchelor, the South Australian Minister in the House of Representatives, has worked in a previous Cabinet, and his achievements in that capacity inspired and maintained the confidence and respect of political friends and political opponents alike. Some of Mr. Watson's other colleagues will probably be hard to keep under discipline. Take Mr. Higgins, for example. That somewhat eccentric gentleman is a burning and a shining light; but so is a lightning flash, or a will-o'-the-wisp, and these illuminations cannot be reduced to a steady glow in a lantern."

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The "Courier," in a leader regarding the new Federal Ministry, states that the Ministry formed by Mr. Watson is quite as strong as could have been anticipated, and were there any assurance of its remaining in office it might prove in many ways to be possessed of considerable capacity, which would be enhanced as the result of experience. Under any probable circumstances, however, the chances of permanency of the Ministry may be regarded as remote. It has in itself elements of weakness arising from lack of departmental training and knowledge, and from subserviency to the caucus, which will at every stage determine the policy of the Government, and give to the ordinary labour member as much real power as the Premier himself, while it probably will be confronted with an Opposition as strong as it numerically and in debating power, statesmanship, and intimate acquaintanceship with Parliamentary tactics. The most generous criticism of the personnel of the new Ministry cannot fail to note that outside the ranks of its supporters are to be found men who for long years prior to federation guided the political destinies of their respective States, and whose presence in the Commonwealth Parliament should have been, as it might still be, the assurance that Federal politics would be lifted to a higher and broader plane than was possible while Australia was divided into six provinces. An attempt made by several prominent leaders to perpetuate old State issues in the Federal arena must be deemed the real cause of the burlesque of representative government which the world has witnessed in the subordination of Ministerial responsibility and initiative to the dictations of a Ministry of extremists. The very strength of the Labour party, as an irresponsible power able to force concessions from a Government as the price of its support, should now prove its weakness when given the opportunity of putting its avowed principles to the actual test of legislation and administration for which it becomes directly responsible to electors, while the undoubted capacity of ex-Ministers will have fuller scope for action now that they are released from the servility of their former position, and given an opportunity of constituting an overwhelming Opposition by an alliance with the forces led by Mr. Reid. Such an alliance is the only alternative to a continuation of the three-party system, which is absolutely hopeless where one of the parties knows nothing of compromise in having its platform embodied in the Commonwealth statute book.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The "Mercury" says:—"There can hardly be any doubt that the formation of a Labour Ministry will prove beneficial to the working of Federation in the end. In the first place, it will bring things down to their bearings. Ever since federation was inaugurated, there has been, as Sir John Forrest very bluntly said, a state of affairs which was never creditable nor conducive to the progress of federal legislation. The Federation has, in fact, been degraded by the subserviency of Sir Edmund Barton, to which, we now learn, many of his colleagues reluctantly consented. Mr. Deakin, who is not remarkable for spirit or independence, does appear, however, to have finally grown weary of the bondage in which he found himself, and he at last made the stand which he and his colleagues should have made at first. Thus, as it has been said, nothing became his Ministerial life so much as the leaving of it. Thus we have at last got back to what may be called at least honourable government. We can guess at least what each party means, and the Federal politicians are in a position to use their intellect, and deal freely with the questions of the day as they arise. We are not at all sanguine that the result will be the forwarding of the Federal business, for there are abundant signs that troubles are only about to begin, but they will at least be honourable troubles. That is, the parties to them will be endeavouring to do what they believe to be right. The main defect of all the Labour parties up to the present time has been that they have had no responsibility. Like the trades unions they have asserted rights and made claims, often in a quite unwarrantable manner, and it is only recently that some of them have found themselves, to their great astonishment, made to bear the consequence of their acts. Mr. Watson, the new Premier, is already talking about caution and moderation, and he shows his good sense by doing so. There is no reason why he should not inaugurate a time of practical work, such as was quite hopeless under the old conditions, except that he is bound to the Labour party, which does not understand the possibilities of the position. If he should prove to be a competent statesman, prepared and able to carry on the much-neglected work of federation, we may count upon his being disowned by his own party, which is for the most part lost in dreams of quite impossible things. We may look for a period of confusion and delay, and another example of the ineptitude of a Federal Government to do federal work, and it is quite likely that the question will be again asked, as to whether responsible government and federation can go together."

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

The "Examiner" does not see a prospect of stability in the Cabinet, as Mr. Watson's hand is likely to be forced before the extremists in the party and the Trades Hall. The journal regards the downfall of Mr. Deakin as the first step towards a rearrangement of parties, and considers Lord Northcote kinder towards Mr. Reid in not sending for him than the latter imagines. A short period of Labour rule will create the community of interests between Mr. Reid and Mr. Deakin's followers that is now lacking, and that will enable them to work together better than could be expected if Mr. Reid had formed a Government. Now, it says, Mr. Watson's party cannot command a majority, as many members of the Opposition voted, not to support the amendment, but to defeat Mr. Deakin; but it will be a distinct advantage to saddle the Labourites with responsibility that would test their constructive powers. Their term of office will give time for the disintegrating elements in the party to come into play, and will also help to bind the moderates in the House together. The "Examiner" does not expect that the Arbitration and Navigation Bills will be reintroduced at present. It regards the late events as but the first of the game in a political tournament.

TASMANIA.

ST. GEORGE SOCIETY.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

At the annual St. George's Society banquet a cable was received from the parent society in England:—"Old England's sons united to-day in thought and purpose." The Launceston Society cabled in reply:—"Your England is our England."

PERMANENT EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

The Tasmanian Permanent Executors and Trustees Association made profit for the last half-year of £380. A dividend of 6 per cent. has been declared. The available credit balance is £1196.

A SOBER CITY.

HOBART, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Tasmanian Women's Suffrage Association yesterday, Mrs. M'Aulay presiding, Mr. R. E. Macnaughten, at the request of the committee, delivered an address on the Gothenburg system. Dr. Gerard Smith also spoke in its favour. He, however, admitted that Hobart was about the most sober city he had struck in his travels. The meeting was acquiescent, but no definite proposition was submitted.

RECEIPT STAMP DUTY.

The Chamber of Commerce convened a meeting of business people last evening to discuss the Government proposals to increase the present receipt stamp duty on large amounts. A very positive expression of opinion was given in favour of the present scale, and the Ministry was severely blamed for irritating and unnecessary meddling, especially as affecting retailers.

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF APPLES.

Arrangements have been made for the Omrah steamer to come from Sydney to ship the apples in excess of the carrying capabilities of the 26 steamers already despatched to London this season, their total being 547,629 cases against about 300,000 sent last year.

The steamer Dorset, which cleared out on Tuesday night, took 46,664 cases. This is the largest shipment of Australian fruit yet made in one bottom. The Surpedon, which arrived at Suez on April 24, reports that her fruit cargo is in excellent condition.

The committee having in hand the erection of a clock in the new post office tower has decided definitely to raise subscriptions for the clock and chimes, the estimated cost of which is £1500.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT LANDS IN THE STATE.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Mr. W. C. Grasby, South Australian agricultural expert, who recently made an exhaustive tour of the agricultural districts of this State, remarks, in a report to the Minister for Lands, that he has no hesitation in saying that Western Australia has one of the finest wheat belts in the world.

In the Divorce Court to-day a decree nisi was granted on a petition by Thomas Walter Metcher for the dissolution of his marriage with Ellen Blanche Metcher on the grounds of the latter's adultery and desertion. Petitioner and respondent were married in Prahran, Victoria, on February 12, 1889.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Tuesday.

Sir J. G. Ward has issued a circular to the local authorities throughout the colony, requesting them, in view of the discovery of a case of plague at Auckland to have all proper sanitary precautions taken.

REMARKABLE CASE OF FALSE PRETENCES.

TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

At the Circuit Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Pring, Ramsey Murray and James Jackson were charged with conspiracy at Murwillumbah, Tweed River, in December last. Murray represented that he was bequeathed £28,000 by his father in England, and appointed Minter, Simpson, and Co., solicitors, of Sydney, to act as his agents in obtaining his alleged legacy. This firm drew out certain documents by Murray's directions, including a trust deed for the marriage settlement, Murray stating that he would settle £1000 on his wife, as he was then contemplating matrimony. Meanwhile Jackson, the other accused, went to Sydney, and forwarded three telegrams to Murray stating that drafts of £500 and £4000 were advised by cable, and that the estate was sworn at £28,000. Jackson attached the names of the solicitors mentioned to these telegrams, and admitted to the detectives that he had done so. Murray showed these telegrams to certain persons on the Tweed, obtaining money and goods on the representations they contained. In one instance he drew a cheque for £2465 for the purchase of a farm, but the bank dishonoured the cheque. Eventually Murray suddenly disappeared from the Tweed. Suspicions became aroused, and the police were informed, and both accused were arrested near Sydney railway station by Detectives Ward and Fullerton.

Accused Murray made an address to the jury in his own defence lasting nearly two hours, and exhibiting remarkable fluency and oratorical power.

The jury found a verdict of guilty against both accused. Murray, who had been previously convicted for false pretences, bigamy, and embezzlement, was sentenced to four years' hard labour, and Jackson to two years.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

CAB AND TRAM IN COLLISION.

A CABMAN KILLED.

An inquest was held yesterday by Mr. A. N. Barnett, City Coroner, into the circumstances connected with the death of a cabman named Luke Margitich, who died at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on Saturday last from injuries received through being thrown from his cab, as a result of a collision with a tram at Leichhardt on Friday evening.

Mr. Cargill appeared for the Railway Commissioners; Mr. L. Gannon for the relatives of the deceased; and Mr. Warton (secretary of the Tramway Employees' Union) on behalf of the tram-driver.

William M'Donald, a tramway inspector, stated that he was a passenger by the tram from Sydney. At the junction of Nelson-street and Annandale-road he saw a cab, driven by the deceased, cross in front of the tram. A tram was also proceeding from Leichhardt to the sheds. The latter did not stop at the usual stopping-place, but only eased up.

Mr. Cargill: Do you know rule 59 dealing with trams returning to sheds?—Yes.

Mr. Cargill: It reads—"Drivers must not exceed the ordinary speed when running to or from the sheds; they must either stop or slow down at all street-crossings, in the same manner as when working a tram; they must also avoid unnecessary whistling or ringing."

It was a tram driver's duty to stop?—Yes.

Witness, continuing, said the car struck the cab near the window, and the deceased fell from his seat. The tram from Leichhardt was travelling at the rate of about three miles an hour, and only went about two yards after striking the vehicle. The cab was travelling fairly fast.

A number of witnesses gave corroborative evidence regarding the accident. They also stated that the driver of the tram struck the gong several times when within about a car's length of the cab.

Walter Sydney Bones, driver of the tram bound to the sheds, stated that the deceased on his cab appeared suddenly to the right of the tram. The cabman was driving across the street at a fast trot. Witness sounded the gong, applied the brakes, and reversed the motor. It was optional for him whether he eased up or stopped at a place when running a tram to the sheds. He did not remember receiving instructions to the contrary. His tram was barely moving when the collision occurred. After he saw the deceased it was impossible for him to have avoided the collision.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

RIDING ACCIDENTS.

COOMA, Tuesday.

A lad named Thompson, of Grosse's Plains, had his right leg broken and the flesh torn away from the knee to the ankle owing to his horse bolting and falling with him. He is progressing satisfactorily.

Howard Kelly, aged 14, while riding a horse at Summer Hill, Berridale, was thrown and received concussion of the brain. He was unconscious for 10 hours after the accident, and is still in a serious condition.

ACCIDENT IN A MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Charles Edwards, a miner, working on Block 10, was barring a shoot last night when the ore came away with a rush, burying him. Edwards sustained injuries to both legs, besides a severe shock, and was removed to the hospital.

PICTON, Tuesday.

Yesterday Mr. Edmund Collins died suddenly while engaged carrying out a contract of painting the new lockup premises. Death was due to hemorrhage on the brain.

STATE POLITICS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS.

WILD ATTACK BY MR. WISE.

DEFENCE OF THE LYNE-SEE MINISTRY.

THINGS IT SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

Mr. Wise, Attorney-General and Acting-Premier, delivered a political address in the School of Arts Hall to-night. The attendance was not large. The Mayor (Alderman F. A. Bennett) was in the chair.

Mr. Wise said he was not there to defend the Government. It needed no defence. His mission was to speak on what the Government had done, and what it would do. To offer a defence was to assume that there was something to defend; but this Government had nothing to defend. The Reid Government had five years of office, and did not achieve a single piece of statesmanlike policy. The See Government had a record now of which no Government should be ashamed, and whether the legislation of the last four years was equal to that of the previous four years either in point of numbers or of magnitude, the Lyne-See Government had put up a record. People may like or dislike measures which had been passed, but the Government was put in to pass them, and did pass them. As measures of first-class importance he might mention the Old-age Pensions, Early Closing, the Arbitration, and Shearers' Accommodation Acts. Though the Government was blamed with great asperity by the press and by their peripatetic antagonists, there was not one of their opponents who would point to one act and say it was wrong. That he took to be the best of praise. The Government had tried to get a clear statement of what the charge against it was. When the Government last went to the country it was a fight between Parliament and the press. The press almost dictated to the people what to do, but the Government stood out staunch and refused to take dictation from the newspapers. (Applause.) They fought the election boldly on that issue, yet one newspaper which had almost licked the feet of Sir William Lyne turned round and denounced Sir John See on the grounds that he was a protectionist. The time had gone by for it to matter whether Sir John See was a protectionist or not, and it was because of what that paper did that the Government had fought the attacks of the press. Was it likely that any Government could keep in office for three years in the teeth of the adverse criticism of the two papers, unless it had done something right? They had only to remember how Mr. Reid fell within six months of one newspaper withdrawing its support from him; but this Government had survived the combined press attacks, and he ventured to say that in six months or so it would receive a further renewal of the confidence of the people. (Applause.) Now it would be said in the next day's papers that he (Mr. Wise) had levelled a bitter attack against the press, against free speech and criticism. He was the last in the world to say a word against free criticism, but he would give the man his independent opinion. There was no measure more wilfully assailed and grossly misrepresented by the Sydney press than the Arbitration Act, and a fortnight ago Judge Cohen was moved to refer to the misstatements made in reference to the bill. It was not often that a Judge was moved to so speak from his place on the Bench; but he also said that though the misstatements had been corrected, they were repeated. He (Mr. Wise) had made corrections, but they appeared in a corner of the paper in small type, while the misstatement went on in large type and in a prominent place. Referring to the reduction of members, he said a gross charge had been made against him in the "Herald." It was that the Attorney-General was deliberately misleading his colleagues and the country when he told them the Royal assent could be given to that bill. A fortnight later a telegram came out that the King had assented to the bill, yet there never was a word of withdrawal or apology in the "Herald." How could people of the country hope to learn the truth about the work of the Government if that sort of thing went on? The people had been misled on the question of finance, though it was the easiest thing in the world to be sure of public figures. It was said that the Government had been wildly extravagant, and he denied that. But granting that there had been some expenditure, the present Government had done no worse than its predecessors. In regarding the expenditure of money, the population must be taken into account. For the year ending 1882, when Mr. O'Sullivan was not in office, the amount spent was £2 19s 10d per head of population. For the three years ending 1893, when Sir William M'Millan and Mr. Bruce Smith were in office, the amount spent out of loans was £2 19s 4d per head. For the three years ending 1902, Mr. O'Sullivan spent £2 3s 7d per head, or 15s 9d less per head than was spent by Sir W. M'Millan and Mr. Bruce Smith. Those figures were known to the newspapers, and perhaps published by them; but no prominence was given to them. There were no big head lines: "Frightful extravagance by Bruce Smith," "Reduced expenditure by O'Sullivan." He was not saying that there had not been extravagance lately, but it had been no worse than it had been before. During the four years ended 1886, £14,000,000 of loan money was spent, and on a population of a million people. During the four years ended 1903, for a population of a million and and half the loan expenditure had been £14,500,000. That was the truth. He did not say the borrowing had not been too great. He believed there should be a marked diminution of borrowing. He agreed that we could never secure our national independence until we cut ourselves free from the British money lender. Mr. O'Sullivan had not merited all this blame for extravagance. He had a large-hearted, general way of talking, which gave the impression that he was squandering money. If there was any wrong doing it was by those who now criticised that Minister, and who were far more to blame than he was. The reduction in the loan expenditure this year would be about £1,200,000. He quoted statistics, which have already been published, and said that of the 21 millions loan money passed by the Government, the only portion of that money over which the Government had any control was £7,700,000. The other had gone in loan redemption and in other ways for which the Government was not responsible. It was charged against the Government that though they had a larger revenue than former Governments, and though there were services transferred to the Commonwealth, yet they had not shown a surplus. It was true the Government had had a larger revenue, but there were more people to spend it on, and there were more liabilities; and as a matter of fact one-half of the additional revenue was spent on old-age pensions. However, so bright were the prospects now that if the good conditions continued Mr. Waddell expected to be able to show a surplus, which would easily wipe out the deficiencies. He would particularly say, too, that money was being paid away this year for a sinking fund and redemptions of old liabilities, but whatever the Government did would not satisfy their opponents. When the reduction of members bill was before the Parliament a large section of Liberal and Reform men stood outside the bar when a decision was going on, and thus withheld their assistance. Further, when the bill was in the Legislative Council, the press implored that Chamber not to pass it. These two facts showed the lengths the antagonists of the Government would go to work out their vendetta. The public could thus see what difficulties the Government lay under. After all, what was this Liberal and Reform party?

This was the antipodes, where everything was the opposite of what it was in England, where fishes lay eggs, fruits have stones outside, and trees keep their leaves and shed their bark. It was not, therefore, wonderful that in Australia the terms "liberal" and "reform" had changed their original meaning. In England they were applied to men who worked for liberal measures and supported reform. With us Mr. Jack Want was a reformer and an advanced Liberal, and the party included all those willing to speak about reform or put up money freely in its advocacy, and do, in fact, everything in the world to bring about reform except to vote for it. They would shout themselves hoarse in talking about Liberalism, but they would sit up all night in Parliament to obstruct a liberal measure; and although they asked the electors to return them to power they had not up to the present time brought forward a single new legislative proposal by which their claim to be considered reformers could be put to a practical test. Mr. Wise went on to deal with the local government scheme, and in concluding his speech said: "The people will prefer to trust us rather than hand over their destinies to men who can do nothing but prate and criticise. I know that we will have to face the opposition of the privileged classes, and that the Sydney press is bitterly antagonistic, but I know also that there is not a man who labours or sweats for his daily bread, and there is not a woman living in a cottage who strives to make her home happy for her husband and children, to whom the Old-Age Pensions Act has not brought hope and consolation; whose lives are not brightened by the Early Closing Act; to whom the Industrial Arbitration Act has not given a new feeling of stability and confidence. We will be judged by our measures, and generations yet unborn will look back with gratitude to the social legislation of the present Government."

A vote of thanks was passed to the Acting-Premier.

PHILLIP DIVISION.

Complications threaten to arise in Phillip Division, with the result that the seat may be lost to the Liberal party. Up to a few days ago the candidates announced were:—Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan (Ministerial), Mr. D. O'Connor (Opposition), and Mr. P. H. Sullivan (Labour). If these three went to the poll Phillip should be a safe seat for the Liberals. Last week, however, a meeting of Protestants was held for the purpose of selecting a candidate in the interests of the A.P.D.A. If a candidate were selected and went to the poll the seat would almost assuredly be lost.

Mr. D. O'Connor, M.L.A., has written in reference to some of the statements made at the meeting in question. Referring to the remark of one speaker—"That the Protestants of Phillip Division had been represented by Roman Catholics too many times"—he points out that he and Mr. Meagher were the only Roman Catholics who ever represented the constituency. Mr. O'Connor protests against being judged in any but his political capacity. When he was a Minister, he states, he never inquired about an officer's religion, but endeavoured to reward zeal and merit irrespective of faith. Mr. O'Connor declares that this is especially a time when Liberals should stand shoulder to shoulder to rescue the State from the perilous position it has been driven into by reckless misgovernment.

BALMAIN.

SELECTION BY THE A.P.D.A.

A largely-attended meeting of the Protestant bodies in the Balmain electorate was held last night at the Oddfellows' Hall, Darling-street, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the elections under the A.P.D.A. auspices. Mr. Samuel Boyd occupied the chair.

Four names were submitted to the meeting, including Alderman G. C. Murdoch, Mr. Jacob Garrard, Mr. Walter Anderson, and Mr. W. Gray. The ballot resulted in favour of Mr. Anderson by a large majority.

ASHFIELD.

A meeting of the Ashfield branch of the Liberal and Reform Association was held last night for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the electorate at the forthcoming campaign. On the motion of Mr. J. H. Beale, seconded by Senator Gray, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe was unanimously selected.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., has announced himself as a candidate for the Allowrie electorate at the next State election.

NARRABRI, Tuesday.

Mr. W. Warnock has publicly announced himself as a candidate for selection through the Political Labour League for the Namoi seat.

NOWRA, Tuesday.

Much satisfaction is expressed here, especially by old residents, at the alteration of the boundaries of electorate No. 36 (Allowrie) so as to allow the South Shoalhaven Municipality to continue with Nowra in the one division. Some disappointment is felt at the wiping out of the old name Shoalhaven.

TAREE, Tuesday.

The local branches of the Liberal and Reform Association number over 600 members. In the old Manning electorate a ballot has been taken of the members for the selection of a candidate, with the following results:—Mr. J. H. Young, 457 votes; Mr. R. Cowan, 17; Mr. George Defraine, 8; informal, 3. The first-named has therefore been recommended to the central council of the association for selection for the Gloucester electorate.

A branch of the Liberal and Reform Association was formed on Monday night at the North Botany Town Hall, when 101 members were enrolled. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Henry Punter; vice-president, Mr. J. Pallett; treasurer, Mr. A. King; secretary, Mr. W. Hambly, jun.

"TWO PARTIES ONLY."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A few days ago you published a letter of mine under the above heading, urging the necessity of healing the breaches between the two principal Parliamentary parties. Since then, as stated in your issue, a step in the right direction has been made by the Reform Association agreeing to work in harmony during the coming election; and my object in addressing you again is to urge the necessity of one more step in the same direction, which, if taken, would make certain what is now only a hope, viz., that there should be returned one strong party, that would work for the freedom and prosperity of the whole people, in opposition to the party who seek to study but the interests of one class. To bring about so desirable an end it will be necessary to recognise the fact that there are among the supporters of the present Government gentlemen who are as anxious as the members of the Opposition to end the domination of the Labour caucus. This point having been conceded, we have two parties, each desiring the same end, banding themselves together to destroy each other, and unless steps are taken in time to bridge over this antagonism the result will in all probability be the return of a Parliament as disappointing as the one that is suffering such a lingering death.

There is an old saying, simple but true, "that it is better to be sure than sorry." The leaders of reform hope to obtain a working majority over the other two parties. That is possible, but not probable. To make a majority for responsible government a certainty those gentlemen that have so successfully brought the reform leagues to work in harmony might well make one supreme effort and arrange with the supporters of the Government also to work in harmony for the common good. By the attempt thus early to select candidates a mistake is being made against the possibilities of best results. What would be much better would be to let as many candidates as like present themselves, and by their preliminary canter show the electors what they are capable of; then a week or so before nomination day a preliminary ballot could be taken, as in Willoughby and Ryde, upon all the candidates in favour of either the Reform or Progressive party, every member of these various parties being allowed to vote on the payment of their shilling entrance fee. The result would be that the selected candidate would stand to win 10 to one, and the expense of ballot would be covered by subscriptions. So that need be no hindrance. Under such a coalition as is here suggested there is one difficulty, but it is a difficulty of a personal nature, and one that should not be allowed to stand in the way of its success—it is the selection of leader after the election. This might well be left to the members to decide who was the most suitable. This having been done, the rest would follow in due course, and the country, relieved from the despair that seems settling upon it, would feel that there was some hope for the future, that at any rate our liberties would not be so easily tampered with, and that it might be possible to win back some of those that have been bartered away for unscrupulous support.

I am, &c., J. SUTTON.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 † and 7 p.m.

† Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m. **

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Batavia and Singapore (direct).—Umta, 10 a.m.

Hobart.—R.M.S. Himalaya, 10 a.m.

Hobart.—Anglian, 11 a.m.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.

Auckland, etc., N.Z.—Mararoa, 11 a.m.

Tonga and Samoa, from Auckland.—Hauroto, 11 a.m.

Manning River.—Electra, 1 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

Dunedin, etc., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Mokoia, 5.30 p.m.

Java, via Adelaide.—Kiel, 5.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.

Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R. R.).—Tomki, 2 p.m.

Samarai and Port Moresby, from Brisbane.—Arawatta, 2.45 p.m.

* United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Nera, 4.30 p.m.

F.M.S. Nera (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Yongala, 5.30 p.m.

Adelaide, via Melbourne.—Coolgardie, 7 p.m.

Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Noumea.—St. Louis, 8 a.m.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Victoria, 11 a.m.

Rio Janeiro, Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, and Chili, from Wellington.—Rimutaka, 11 a.m.

Lord Howe, Norfolk, Vila (N.H.), Gilbert, and Ellice Islands.—Titus, noon.

Brisbane.—Gabo, 1 p.m.

Richmond River.—Ramornie, 2 p.m.

Nelson's Bay.—Hawke, 4 p.m.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, Ceylon, India, Malta, and Hongkong, via the United Kingdom, will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per P. and O. Company's steamer Himalaya, up to 9.30 a.m. TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), April 27. Parcels addressed to Fiji and Canada will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per C.A. steamship Manuka up to 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, May 16. Parcels addressed to Germany will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per German steamer Stuttgart up to 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, April 30. Parcels addressed to France will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission by M.M. steamer Caledonia, up to 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, May 23. Parcels addressed to Cape Colony will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Lund's steamer Wilcannia, up to 1 p.m. on SATURDAY, May 7.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—April 26.

Moana, R.M.S., 3910 tons, Captain Carey, from Vancouver, via ports. Passengers: Mesdames J. D. Howell and E. A. Hobson, Messrs. W. Y. Hately, A. H. Scouller, A. C. Cameron, Jas. Boylan, and M. Breton. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Umta, s, 5500 tons, Captain Lee, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Onyx, bq, 403 tons, Captain Duncan, from New Plymouth. Union Box and P. C. Company, agents.

Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain C. Beach, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Bega, s, 567 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Bateman's Bay. Illawarra S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain E. Canty, from Moruya. J. Aubin and Sons, agents.

April 27.

Kallatina, s, 646 tons, Captain Nyholm, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Anglian, s, 2159 tons, Captain Entwisle, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—April 26.

H.M.S. Mutine, for the New Hebrides.

H.M.S. Torch, for Suva, Fiji.

Caledonien, F.M.S., for Noumea.

Brambletye, sh, for Falmouth, for orders.

Perth, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Sonneberg, s, for Newcastle.

Urmston Grange, s, for East London and Algoa Bay, via Geelong and Adelaide.

Barrabool, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.

Coolgardie, s, for Fremantle, via ports.

Innamincka, s, for Melbourne.

Arawatta, s, for Cooktown, via ports.

Kakapo, s, for Launceston, via Newcastle and Kembla.

Fiona, s, for Fiji.

Moorabool, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—April 27.

Himalaya, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports; Umta, s, for Singapore, via ports; Anglian, s, for Hobart; Mararoa, s, for Auckland and New Zealand; Kallatina, s, for Clarence River; Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company's steamer, for Newcastle; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River; Bega, s, for Bermagui, Tathra and Merimbula, and Eden.

CLEARANCES.—April 26.

Kakapo, s, 1521 tons, Captain J. Graham, for Launceston, via Newcastle and Kembla.

Wallarah, s, 633 tons, Captain H. Johnson, for Napier, via Newcastle.

Caledonien, F.M.S., 4248 tons, Captain H. Gregory, for Noumea, with through passengers and cargo.

Perth, s, 1799 tons, Captain J. Wilson, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with through cargo.

Fiona, s, 817 tons, Captain G. Barnes, for Fiji. Passengers—Messrs. Hart, Allen, and Hough.

Urmston Grange, s, 3444 tons, Captain Keslake, for East London and Algoa Bay, via Geelong and Adelaide.

Sonneberg, s, 4499 tons, Captain Madsen, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Moorabool, s, 2906 tons, Captain Stoddart, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

COASTER OUTWARDS.—April 26.

Duroby, s, for Tweed River.

IMPORTS.—April 26.

Moana, R.M.S., from Vancouver, via ports: 7 bxs books, 4 bxs glass, 111 bxs cheese, 18 pkgs cotton, 11 pkgs machinery, 40 cs cartridges, 25 cs typewriters, 35 cs organs and pianos, 12 cs health food, 13 cs I.R. shoes, 99 cs paper, 4 cs shoes, 245 rolls newspaper, 10 cs ca clams, 7 brls hop roots, 25 ½-brls herrings, and 21 pkgs merchandise.

Nardoo, s, from Port Pirie: 28,806 bars lead, 170 bgs copper ore, 1140 tons concentrates, 800 bgs chaff, 200 ½-bgs and 40 bgs flour, and sundries.

Moorabool, s, from Melbourne: 20 cs tools, 135 bgs concentrates, 248 bls hay, 376 bxs sultanas, 71 pkgs furniture, 35 cs brandy, 1112 bgs oats, 111 bgs barley, 1105 bgs onions, 24 bgs ragdust, 18 pkgs oil, 388 cs quinces, 590 ingots zinc, 132 bgs salt, 25 cs wine, 65 bdls metal, 133 cs fruit, 54 hides, 341 brs steel, 49 bdls rope, 2426 bgs chaff, 102 cs tiles, 38 bgs seed, 160 cs food, 101 bgs malt, and sundries.

Electra, s, from Manning River: 311 bgs maize, 1 bg horns, 2 bgs bones, 15 bgs oysters, 3 bales skins, 13 calves, 41 cs eggs, 6 cs samples, 7 cs fish, 23 cs honey, 50 doz brooms, 16 bls millet, 1 girder, 4 cks tallow, 12 cps poultry, 1 horse, 105 hides and 6 bags hides, 387 bxs butter, 210 pigs, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—April 26.

Caledonien, F.M.S., for Noumea: 170 pkts sugar, 89 cks cement, 643 bgs potatoes, 25 cks plaster, 20 bgs whitelead, 100 cs kerosene, 274 cs fruit, 20 bgs onions, 200 bgs flour, 14 bgs oats, 19 bxs butter, 6 horses, and sundries.

Urmston Grange, s, for East London and Algoa Bay, via Geelong and Adelaide: 20 bgs flour, 50 cs cakes, 100 cs meats, 461 bgs wheat, 283 pcs timber, and sundries.

Fiona, s, for Fiji: 135 bdls rails, 254 sks sulphur potash, 78 bdls iron sheets, 20 iron bark piles, 16 girders, 17 cs kerosene oil, 2081 pcs hardwood, 227 pcs timber, 34 C. I. pipes, 12,534 sleepers, 155 W. I. plates, 240 blocks asphalt, and sundries.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: April 26, Nardoo, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

A cable message was yesterday received by Messrs. Nelson and Robertson, notifying the arrival of the schooner Whangaroa at Kaipara, where she will load a cargo of timber for Sydney.

By yesterday's English mail advices from London were received by Messrs. Nelson and Robertson notifying the following charters:—Westfield, British four-masted bqtne, South Australia to United Kingdom; Emma Laurans, French bq, Newcastle to San Francisco; Arainas, British sh, Newcastle to San Francisco; Dalcairnie, British sh, Newcastle to San Francisco; Belford, British sh, Newcastle to Portland Oregon.

The ship Aran, under contract with the Government of Fiji, is the first ship of the recruiting season, and is now due to arrive at Suva from Calcutta with a consignment of coolie immigrants.

The four-masted barque Severn ask, after discharging her cargo of redwood, was yesterday afternoon removed to Darling Island, where she will load wheat for the U.K. or Continent.

The steamer Auchenblae, having completed her overhaul, will be floated out of Mort's Dock early this morning. She will be taken to an anchorage in the stream.

Having completed loading her cargo of wheat for the U.K. or Continent, the four-masted barque Pinmore was yesterday removed from Darling Island to an anchorage in the stream.

The barque Kirkdale, which has been loading wheat at Darling Island for Falmouth was yesterday removed to an anchorage in the stream.

Yesterday the following telegrams were received respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Camden Haven Heads, 5ft 8in on bar; Ballina, 15ft on bar, 12ft inside channel; Manning Heads, 11ft on bar, 3ft rise of tide; Nambucca Heads, 9ft on bar; Bellinger Heads, 9ft 6in on bar; Swansea, 8ft 3in on bar, sea moderate.

The Norwegian steamer Inger, which has been chartered by the Pacific Company to convey cargoes of phosphates from Ocean Island to Australian ports, arrived at Newcastle yesterday from Capetown. She is a vessel of 2450 tons, and will take the place of the steamer Cromarty, the charter of which has expired.

The timber-laden barque Onyx arrived here from New Plymouth yesterday and anchored in Rozelle Bay. She sailed on April 12, and met with light to strong variable winds. Thick rain was experienced when approaching the coast, and several waterspouts were observed.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Marmora, from London, bound to Sydney, left Melbourne yesterday, and is due here to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S. India, from London, bound to Sydney, left Colombo on Sunday last for Fremantle.

The R.M.S. Ophir, from Sydney, bound to London, left Melbourne yesterday for Adelaide.

The R.M.S. Sierra, from Sydney, via ports, arrived at San Francisco at 8 p.m. on Monday last.

The R.M.S. Moana, from Vancouver, via ports, arrived at Sydney yesterday afternoon, and berthed at Flood's Wharf, on the western side of the Circular Quay.

The R.M.S. Miowera arrived at Suva on Monday, and left again yesterday afternoon in continuation of her voyage to Vancouver, via Honolulu.

The R.M.S. Manuka is expected to reach Sydney on Wednesday next, and will sail on May 16 for Brisbane, Fiji, Honolulu, and Vancouver.

The R.M.S. Aorangi leaves Vancouver on Friday for Honolulu, Fiji, Brisbane, and Sydney, where she is due on May 24.

The F.M.S. Nera, which sailed from Sydney on Monday for Marseilles, via ports, passed Gabo Island at 6.50 a.m. yesterday, and is due at Melbourne this morning.

The F.M.S. Caledonien, from Marseilles, via ports, sailed from Sydney yesterday for Noumea.

PASSENGERS BY THE HIMALAYA.

The following is a list of the passengers by the R.M.S. Himalaya, which will be despatched from Sydney to-day for Colombo, India, Brindisi, Marseilles, and London:—Mr. H. Wiener, Mr. E. A. Kelly, Mrs. W. Tarrant, Mrs. Adrian Knox and maid, Colonel F. Fitzroy, Mrs. A. Gordon Wesche, Mr. and Mrs. S. Williamson, Mr. White, Lieutenant Charles I. Mansell, R.N., the Rev. and Mrs. Creak, Mr. Christison, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Percy Kitchen, Mr. Wall, Mr. A. Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wainwright, Miss Wainwright, Miss Kelly, Mr. R. E. Shaw, Mr. J. Hill, Mr. C. H. Cooke, Mr. Rodd, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. W. Black, Mr. R. Innes, Mr. R. Tronson, Mr. A. Wells, Miss England, Miss Callaghan, Miss Lade, Mrs. Anne Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warren, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith, Mr. Josephson, Misses Josephson (two), the Rev. A. and Mrs. Craven, the Rev. Canon M'Clements, the Rev. J. Nesbitt, Mr. S. Rymill, Miss Rymill, Miss H. Rymill, Miss Dolys Jones, Miss Gwen Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs. Canning, Mr. Hornerman, Miss V. French, Mrs. James, Miss Beaumont, Miss Rumsden, Mrs. Farran, Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. T. Atherton, Miss F. H. Foster, Miss Robertson, Mr. Wimpole, Mr. Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. N. Harrison, Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. West, Mrs. Benzilum, Misses Travers (two), Mr. W. A. Alvira, Miss M. Atherton, Miss Searle, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davis and infant, Miss M'Nutt, Miss Stutzmann, also a large number of passengers for interstate ports.

THE VOYAGE OF THE MARMORA.

The R.M.S. Marmora, the third of the four new steamers built for the Australian trade of the P. and O. Company, left Melbourne yesterday, and is due at Sydney to-morrow morning. She left London on March 18, and reached Gibraltar on the 22nd, leaving the same day for Marseilles. Here she took 130 passengers on board, and sailed on the 25th for Port Said. Fine weather was experienced to that port, where she coaled and embarked mails and passengers from the steamer Isis. At Port Said the Marmora was detained for seven hours by a sandstorm, which prevented her entering the Canal until 5 p.m. on March 30. She reached Suez at 11 a.m. on the 31st. Here Sir Reginald Talbot, the new State Governor of Victoria, came on board. Suez was left at noon, and after a cool passage, with fine weather down the Red Sea, the vessel arrived at Aden at 8 p.m. on April 3. After transferring mails and passengers to the steamer Oriental and embarking 80 passengers from the North German Lloyd steamer Oldenberg, which had broken down near Aden, the Marmora left for Colombo. This port was reached on April 9. Here the mails and passengers were transhipped to the connecting steamer for China, the Chusan, and after coaling the Marmora left for Australian ports. Fine weather was experienced to lat. 21.00 south, then a heavy head sea to Fremantle, which was reached on April 19, at 7.30 a.m. After landing mails and passengers the steamer sailed at 1.20 p.m. the same day for Adelaide. The weather across the Great Australian Bight was fine, and the Marmora anchored in Largs Bay on the 23rd inst. Melbourne was reached on Monday last.

The Marmora, which is commanded by Captain G. L. Langborne, is the largest of the fleet of the P. and O. S.N. Company, being over 1000 tons bigger than the Mongolia or Moldavia. She carries 377 first and 187 second saloon passengers, and a crew of 320. She was built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., of Belfast.

THE EXCELSIOR DUE TO-DAY.

The steamer Excelsior, belonging to Mr. G. W. Nicoll, of this city, is expected to return to Sydney from Noumea to-day. She was chartered by Messrs. Ballande Brothers for the service between Noumea and the New Hebrides. The charter, it is understood, has now expired, and the Excelsior may resume her running in the North Coast trade.

TELEGRAHPIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000 miles).—Arr.: April 26, Ula, s, from London.

COOKTOWN (1500 miles).—Arr.: April 26, Eastern, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr.: April 26, Sylvan, sch., from Maryborough. Dep.: Chingtu, s, for Sydney.

BOWEN (1225 miles).—Dep.: April 26, Wyandra, s, for Sydney; Wodonga, s, for Cooktown; Barcoo, s, for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep.: April 26, Duke of Portland, s, for London.

BUNDABERG (717 miles).—Dep.: April 26, Tinana, s, for Rockhampton.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr.: April 26, Peregrine, s, from Townsville; Frema, s, from New York. Dep.: Warrego, s, and Eurimbla, s, both for Sydney; Alinga, s, for Cairns; Burwah, s, for Rockhampton; Tyrian, s, for Townsville.

RICHMOND HEADS (331 miles).—Dep: April 26, St. George, s, at 6 a.m.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Passed: April 26, a steamer, red funnel, white band, black top, at 4 p.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: April 26, St. George, s, at 4 p.m., south.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles).—Dep: April 26, Cavanba, s, at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Dep: April 26, Rosedale, s, at 5.45 a.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—Dep: April 26, Nerong, s, at 4.45 p.m., Baden Powell, s, at 5.30 p.m., both for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY (209 miles).—Arr: April 26, Annandale, ketch, returned to bay at 3.45 p.m. Dep: Defender, s, at 6 a.m.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: April 26, Pyrmont, s, at 3.45 p.m. Passed: Defender, s, at 5.20 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: April 26, Cavanba, s, at 4.30 p.m., south.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: April 26, Rosedale, s, at 5 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: April 26, Wootton, s, at 2.30 p.m.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—April 26, Myall, sch, and Alfred Fenning, ktch, at anchor in Nelson's Bay. Passed: A ketch at 7 a.m., Kallatina, s, at 4.45 p.m., a ship at 4.45 p.m., all south; Nymboida, s, at 4.40 p.m., north.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: April 26, Newcastle, s, Anglian, s, Kadina, s, Nymboida, s, Whangape, s, Eskasoni, ship, Helen Denny, bq, Maud Weston, s, Alice, s, Jones Bros, sch, Timaru, s, Armenia, Norwegian bq, Senorita, bqtne, from Sydney; Dilkera, s, from Fremantle; Kincumber, s, from the Manning River; St. Louis, s, from Noumea; Ouraka, s, from Melbourne; Melbourne, s, from Melbourne; Moonah, ktch, from north; Lady Mildred, s, from Melbourne; Inger, Norwegian s, from Table Bay; Perth, s, from Fremantle; Poseidon, sh, from Iquique. Dep: April 26, Newcastle, s, for Sydney; Glenesk, bq, for Pisagua, with 2128 tons Wallsend coal; Colac, s, for Townsville via Wallaroo, with 1450 tons coal; Ali, Nor. bq, for Antofagasta, with 1653 tons Caledonian coal; Silver Cloud, bqtne, for Auckland, with 386 tons Hetton coal; Nymboida, s, for the Clarence River; Eagle Craig, bq, for Valparaiso, with 2200 tons Stanford Merthyr coal; Alice, s, Jones Bros., sch, Hannah Nicholson, sch, Maud Weston, s, for Sydney; Barrier, s, and Buninyong, s, for Melbourne, Anglian, s, for Hobart, via Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Dep: April 26, Illaroo, s, at 1.40 p.m., south.

SOUTH HEAD (4 miles).—Passed, April 26, Inger, s, at 12.35 p.m., north.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr.: April 26, Wallsend, s, at 6 a.m., Palmerston, s, at 4 p.m., both from Sydney; Dunmore, s, at 5.30 p.m., from Shell Harbour. Dep.: Resolute, s, at 5.55 p.m., for Kiama.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: April 26, Glencoe, s, at 4.40 p.m., south.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Arr: April 26, Peterborough, s, at 4.40 p.m., from Sydney.

MORUYA (141 miles).—Arr: April 26, Ripple, s, at 3.40 p.m., from Sydney.

BERMAGUI (175 miles).—Dep: April 26, Eden, s, at 2.45 p.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: April 26, Kanowna, s, at 2.30 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: April 26, Nera, F.M.S., at 6.50 a.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Outwards: April 26, a steamer at 4.50 a.m.

LOW HEAD (509 miles).—Dep: April 26, Pateena, s, at 12.50 p.m., Australian, s, at 6.50 p.m., both for Melbourne.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: April 26, Chillagoe, s, from Newcastle. Dep: April 26, Cintra, s, for Sydney; Wareatea, s, for Burnie; Coogee, s, for Launceston; Ophir, R.M.S., for London; Marmora, R.M.S., for Sydney.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Dep: April 25, Karori, s, for Sydney, via coast ports; H.J.N., ktch, for Adelaide.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Dep: April 26, Pendeltilia, ship, for Newcastle; Parrumbeet, s, for Fremantle; Hobart, s, for Fremantle.

WALLAROO.—Arr: April 26, Willyama, s, from Newcastle.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Arr: April 26, Aberdeen, s, from Sydney, via ports.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Dep: April 27, Zealandia, s, at 6 p.m., for Sydney.

KAIPARA.—Arr: April 26, Whangaroa, scow, from Sydney. Dep: April 26, Margarita, bq, for Sydney; Rio, sch, for Melbourne.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Arr: April 26, Karamea, s, from London.

NAPIER (1477 miles).—Dep: April 26, Kate Tatham, bqtn, for Sydney.

WESTPORT (1076 miles).—Arr: April 26, Mercedes, s, from Hongkong.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA (1743 miles).—Dep: April 26, Miowera, R.M.S., for Vancouver.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Tuesday.

ARRIVALS.

At London: Tokomaru, s (Shaw, Savill, and Albion line), from New Zealand ports, via Monte Video, sailed from Wellington March 2.

At Rotterdam: Hanna Heye, bq, from Sydney, sailed December 19.

DEPARTURES.

For Sydney: Narrung, s (Lund's Blue Anchor line), from London; Gera, G.M.S. (Norddeutscher Lloyd), from Bremen and Southampton; Offenbach, s (German-Australian line) from Hamburg.

For Melbourne: Glenclova, four-masted bq, from New York; Mashona, four-masted bq, from Philadelphia; J. W. Burmester, German bq, from Sicily.

For Adelaide: Ballumbie, bq, from Liverpool.

For Fremantle: Altona, s (German-Australian line), from Hamburg.

For Lyttelton: Papanui, s (New Zealand Shipping Company's line), from London.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average rainfall for 45 years, 49.420.

Average for 46 years from Jan. 1 to March 31, 11.655.

Total from Jan. 1 to April 26, 17.723.

Temperatures.—Maximum, 65.1; minimum, 55.1.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 96; at 3 p.m., 85.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.07; Geraldton, 30.18; Perth, 30.17; Esperance Bay, 30.48; Eucla, 30.35; Streaky Bay, 30.29; Adelaide, 30.30; Robe, 30.28; Portland, 30.23; Melbourne, 30.25; Wilson's Promontory, 30.25; Gabo Island, 30.27; Cape St. George, 30.20; Sydney, 30.21; Newcastle, 30.19; Port Macquarie, 30.18; Clarence Heads, 30.10; Brisbane, 30.12; Rockhampton, 30.05; Mackay, 30.01; Cooktown, 29.89.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Araluen, 5 points, Bateman's Bay 20, Blackheath 15, Byron 8, Bowral 5, Cape St. George 7, Clarence 2, Cape Hawke, 25, Crookhaven 26, Glen Innes 3, Grafton 7, Katoomba 12, Kiandra 9, Kiama 12, Kurrajong 8, Lawson 5, Maitland 22, Manning Heads 5, Moruya Heads 10, Mt. Victoria, 6, Newcastle 6, Picton 1, Port Macquarie 4, Parramatta 40, Port Stephens 35, Raymond Terrace 55, Seal Rocks 22, Sydney 90, Taree 19, Tenterfield 15, Ulladulla 22, Windsor 8, Wollongong 25.

Additional rainfall reported at 6 p.m.:—Kiandra 1 points, Mount Victoria 10, Newcastle 18, Orange 13, Port Macquarie 8, Sydney 10, Wollongong 25.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Unsettled, showery, and squally conditions prevailed along the coastal districts; thunder accompanied some of the falls. Fogs were reported from both northern and southern highlands; fine, quiet weather again prevailed west of the highlands.

Queensland.—Fine and clear generally.

South Australia.—Cloudy, foggy, and misty on the ranges and South Coast, fine and clear elsewhere.

Victoria.—Principally fine and clear, foggy at many places in southern districts.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery in the south, fine in the north.

Western Australia.—Mostly fine and clear throughout.

Northern Territory.—Fine.

New Caledonia.—Overcast at Gomen.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The heights of rivers above summer level at 9 a.m. on Tuesday were:—Albury, 4in; Balranald, b.s.l.; Bargara, 2ft; Boggabilla, 1ft 10in, f; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 14ft, r; Brewarrina, 10ft 1in, f; Condobolin, low; Cowra, 2in; Deniliquin, b.s.l.; Dubbo, 1ft 6in; Euabalong, dry; Euston, 4ft 6in; Goodooga, 4ft 4in, f; Gundagai, 2in; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 11in, b.s.l.; Hillston, dry; Kunopia, low; Louth, 16ft 1in, r; Manilla, low; Menindie, 7ft 9in; Mogil Mogil, 4ft 4in, f; Mungindi, 11ft 6in, f; Moama, 5ft 6in; Moulamein, low; Narrandera, 5ft 8in; Pooncarie, 11ft; Tilpa, 12ft 8in, r; Tocumwal, 2in b.s.l.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft 5in; Wentworth, 3ft 9in; Wilcannia, 8ft 3in, r; Yetman, 4ft 6in; Barwon River, at Walgett, 27ft 6in, r; Namoi River, at Walgett, 16ft 9in, stationary.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; b.s.l., below summer level; s.l., summer level.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, SSE, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, SW, light, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S, fresh, showery, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SW, strong, showery, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, WSW, fresh, showery, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; South Head, SE, squally, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, SW, fresh, showery, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, calm, fine, sea smooth; Eden, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, E, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, E, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Continued wet and unpleasant weather on the coast; fine inland; S. to E. winds, and tendency for stormy weather in a day or two on the N. coast.—H. A. Hunt.

South Australia.—Generally fine; a tendency to fog and mist on the hills and in the SE; SW to SE winds, sea smooth.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, partially cloudy, coastal mists, and fogs; light variable winds, chiefly southerly; sea smooth.—P. Baracchi.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR APRIL 27.

Sun rises at 6.26, sets at 5.20; moon 3.52 p.m., 1.57 a.m.; Mercury 6.2 a.m., 6.7 p.m.; Venus, 4.51 a.m., 4.32 p.m.; Mars 7.8 a.m., 5.44 p.m.; Jupiter 4.38 a.m., 4.21 p.m.; Saturn 12.21 a.m., 1.54 p.m.

High water at Fort Denison, 6.18 a.m., 6.42 p.m.

Full moon, April 30; new moon, May 15.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The total number of cases relieved in the outdoor relief department of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales during the week ending April 23 was 791.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

Business on the investment side of the Stock Exchange was again about as dull as it could be, with scarcely any movement in prices. Bank of New South Wales were rather higher, having a buyer at 43, with seller at 43½. Australian Joint Stock Bank deposits advanced 1d, being in request at 12s 9d; and Queensland National deposits were also dearer, with buyer at 12s 1½d. North Coast steam rose 1½d to 20s. Illawarra improved a trifle 5¼ being offered. A sale of United Insurance effected at previous price. Gaslight and breweries were unaltered. Slight alterations in the miscellaneous list were without significance, except that Fresh Food and Ice improved a trifle. Perpetual Trustee quitted at 10s, the previous quotation.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Nil. Noon: Perpetual Trustee, 10s; United Insurance, 93s; Commercial Bank of Australia, pref., 5¼; North Coast Steam, 20s.

Closing quotations were as follows:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
STOCKS &c.								
N.S.W. F.S., Act of 1892	349,350	...	...	4	99½	99½	...	4
Do., Act 1873	530,180	...	...	4	101½	...	...	4
Do., 1912	3,499,1..	...	...	3	79	78	...	3¾
Do., 1912	973,907	...	...	3½	95½	...	96	3½
Do., due 1924	...	...	...	...	...	80	...	...
Do. deb., 1908	...	...	...	4	99½	...	101	4
Ditto, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do., F.S., 1925	292,225	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	98½	98½	99½	4½
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,000,000	...	...	...	98½	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1902	399,300	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
Q.D., 1913	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N.Z.D., 1913	800,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	...
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	...
Col. Sugar-D., 1914	...	...	...	5	107	108	...	4½
City Syd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	103	99	101	4
Ditto, 1928	50,000	...	...	4	102	99	101	4
Austrain. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
W.Aus.4p.c.	...	...	...	...	100	99	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Austral'sia	1,600,000	40	40	12	90	88	...	5¼
City	240,000	10	8	4	80/	...	81/	4
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	73/	73/	...	4½
Com'l of Aust	94,882	10	10/	...	4 10½	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,290	10	10	3	5¼	...	...	6
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	26¾	27	27¼	4½
E. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3¾	60/	...	...	6¼
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	...	...	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	43	43	43½	4½
New Zealand	427,318	6⅔	3⅓	5	80/	87/	91/	...
N. Qu'sland	100,000	7	2	3½	11/9	...	...	7½
Q'sland Nat.	418,163	5	3	...	1/4	...	...	...
Royal of Q.	451,307	5	6¾	3	50/	50/	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	44½	44	44½	5¼
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...	...	...	5	16/10	16/10	17/	3¼
Class B	...	...	...	5	12/7	12/9	13/	4½
Ditto Insc.	788,633	...	...	3½	10/6	10/	10/5	7½
Com. of Aus., A ser., 1886	687,879	...	...	3½	19/3	...	...	4
Ditto Assets	8,334,908	...	...	3	13/3	...	...	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	880,418	...	...	3	12/	...	...	5
Ditto def.	817,477	...	...	4½	16/3	...	...	5
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	16/	...	...	4½
Ditto Ter.	90,573	...	...	4	19/10	...	...	4
Q'sland Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	12/	12/1½	12/3	5¾
STEAM.								
Balm'n Ferry	16,427	1	1	5	20/3	19/	20/9	5
Illawarra	58,096	5	3½	8½	5½	5¼	6¼	5¼
How'd Smith 20/ paid	250,000	20/	20/	10/	18/	...	...	5½
Ditto pref.	250,000	20/	5/	5	...	...	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	8	19/6	19/	...	...
North Coast	131,250	1	17/6	6	20/	19/10½	20/	5¼
Syd. Ferries	140,000	1	1	8	43/	43/	...	3¾
Pt. Jackson	25,000	50	25/	8	29/	...	...	...
Ditto. Co-op.	8,745	1	1	4	...	17/6	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	10/	16½	40/	39/6	...	4¼
Mer. Mut.	37,500	1	5/	15½	15/3	15/4	15/6	5
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2/	15	...	...	...	...
N. Q'land	90,000	1	10/	...	13/	...	...	...
Ditto	8,562	...	...	8	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	93/	92/	94/	6¾
Ditto new	5,725	10	12/6	12½	20/	19/6	21/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	...	6¼
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	14¾	14½	14¾	5¾
Ch. Towers	20,000	10	10/	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	40/6	...	...	6¾
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	27/	...	5¾
M'tl'nd Gas	15,250	5	5	7	6	...	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	23/	...	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	7	12/	...	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	17/10½	17/3	18/	6
Newcastle	38,336	2	2	15	5½	6	...	5½
N.Shore	125,000	1	1	8	38/	...	37/	...
BREWERIES.								
Australian	48,000	10/	10/	2	8/	...	1/	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	9/	9/	10/	9
Marshall's	31,250	10	6	6	8/	...	8/	...
Perkins'	58,325	15	15	23½	...	41/	...	...
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	5	14/6	14/	15/	7
Tooth's	140,000	1	1	5	28/	27/9	28/3	6
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10/	5	3/9	...	4/	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	4/	5/	...	...
D. H. Water Supply	285,000	1	1	10	16/	16/	18/	10
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	32/6	...	32/6	5
New Issue	35,000	1	13/	8	15/9	15/6	16/	5½
Col. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	37½	37½	38	5¼
Do. nw. £10 pd	...	20	10	...	25½	25½	...	...
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	5	87/6	87/6	...	5½
Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre	80,000	1	1	7	...	12/	16/	...
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	8/6	...	...	...
Emu & Prospect Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	9/	9/	10/	...
Federal Coke	12,370	20	20	5	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref., cig.	7,000	20	10	5	...	...	...	...
Malt Co., con.	21,050	1	13/	7½	...	...	11/	...
Mel. Trams.	480,000	1	1	10	18/1½	...	19/9	...
M. de Piete	74,402	1	1	10	...	35/	37/6	...
Ditto, new	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mort's Dk.	200,000	1	1	...	17/	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	45,301	1	1	6	18/6	...	19/	6½
F. Food, Ice	165,114	1	18/	...	7/9	7/9	8/3	...
Shale and Oil	80,000	1	16/6	...	1d	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19/	...	17/	...
Perm. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	8	3/4	3/2	3/4	6
Perp. Trus.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/	9/9	10/3	5
Q. Meat Exp.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	10/9	...	11/3	9
Silv Tram	197,806	1	1	20	47/6	...	...	...
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	6	12	11½	...	...
Syd. Hydr'lic	75,000	1	1	10	22/6	22/3	30/	6¾
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	14/9	...	14/3	6¾
Ditto Hyd. & G. E.	15,000	1	10/	10	14/6	14/3	14/6	7
Vel. Land Ord	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Mall's Mare. Agency	12,000	1	20/	2	...	...	20/	...
Manly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	7/6	...	5/6	...
W. H. Soul Patt. & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	24/9	30/	...
LAND & BD.								
Excels. Inv.	...	...	...	...	...	6/	9/	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	17/6	17/6	...	...
Do. shares	...	...	...	3	...	17/	19/	...
Ind. Prov.	45,950	20	...	6	...	...	...	5½
Intere. Pr.	56,974	1	15/	9	17/	17/	...	7
Syd. Free L.	18,750	7/6	7/	...	...	...	...	...
Sydney and Sub. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The business of Mr. Henry Perdriau, of Sydney and Drummoyne, hitherto carried on under the name of the Sydney Rubber Works, has been formed into a limited liability company under the name of the Perdriau Rubber Company, Limited, with a capital of £50,000 in shares of £1 each.

The clearances of the banks in Sydney for the week ended April 25 aggregated £2,973,447, against £3,100,608 in the corresponding week of last year. Since January 1 the clearances have compared with those of several previous years as follows:—

January 1 to April 30, 1900...	... £47,632,407
January 1 to April 29, 1901...	... 50,422,050
January 1 to April 28, 1902...	... 58,460,232
January 1 to April 27, 1903...	... 58,104,447
January 1 to April 25, 1904...	... 57,600,764

The total since January 1 is now £503,683 less than in the previous year, about the amount of a short day. To April 18 the Melbourne clearances aggregated £52,891,219, an increase of £3,392,167 as compared with the total in the corresponding period of 1903.

The directors of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd., are again inviting holders of B fixed deposit receipts to send offers, not later than 10 a.m. on June 16 next, stating the prices at which they are respectively willing the bank should redeem the amounts owing for principal and interest, accrued and accruing, on such fixed deposit receipts or any part or parts thereof.

The thirty-eighth annual report of the Bank of Adelaide to March 31 shows a balance of £49,977, out of which it is proposed to place £15,000 to reserve, making it £235,000; to pay a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. for the half-year, absorbing £16,000; leaving £18,977 to be carried forward. An interim dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum was declared in November last.

Russia has done very little, if anything, better than Japan in securing funds for the carrying on of the war. The latter Power has borrowed £10,000,000 on 5 per cent. securities in her own market at 95. The reluctance of Parisian capitalists to lend more money to Russia has, it seems, been overcome—at a price. Prior to the war Russian securities were on a 4 per cent. basis. Now the syndicate has required something over 5 per cent., 98 only being given for each 100 to be repaid. It is a high price. Though the £32,000,000 is to be paid promptly, it is not likely to cause much stringency, for should Paris draw on London resources to provide for the loan, money has been accumulating in the United Kingdom for some months past. That is the tenor of news received by the mail to-day.

For the third series of London wool sales for the year the new arrivals have amounted to 297,000 bales, of which 128,500 bales have gone direct to manufacturers in the United Kingdom and abroad, leaving available 183,000 bales, inclusive of 14,500 bales from the previous series. As compared with the May series of the previous year, the figures were as follow:—

	Bales.		Bales.
New arrivals	304,000	...	297,000
Held over	17,000	...	14,500
	321,000	...	311,500
Direct to manufacturers	113,000	...	128,500
Available	208,000	...	183,000

Again there is a reduction in the supply of wool received of 7000 bales, and, making allowance for the smaller quantity held over, and the larger sent direct to manufacturers, the London market will have 25,000 bales less to supply to buyers there than at the May sales of last year, and 57,000 bales less than at the like sales of 1902. If the statistical position can be looked to to uphold and strengthen the market, there ought to be an advance.

The annual Blue Book gives the British life assurance returns for 1902. Notwithstanding the heavy taxation, which to some extent affected progress, the premium revenue increased by £540,200 to £22,998,588, or nearly 2½ per cent.—a rate more than double that of the growth of population. The amount of assurance funds rose from £257,440,206 to £267,358,146—an increase of £9,917,940, the largest increase for a considerable time. The interest and dividends being at the mean rate of 3.60 per cent. on the invested funds, the same as in the previous year, contributed £9,452,697 of the amount of the increase. A feature of the year's business is the greater growth of endowment than of ordinary life assurance. That has been in progress over a period of years. In the 10 years ended in 1902 the whole life policies increased in amount 15 per cent., as against a general increase in the population of approximately 10 per cent., but the endowment policies increased by no less than 221 per cent. The whole life assurances still, however, aggregate £490,912,600, as against £186,449,000, the amount of the endowment assurances. The number of assurances of all descriptions, including whole-term life, limited number of premiums, endowment assurances, endowments, joint lives, and others, was 2,159,957 for a total of £715,794,000. Towards meeting this vast amount the offices, including the assurance funds before mentioned, had in assets £309,491,533, or over 43 per cent. of the assurances in force, equal to 8s 9d in the £, representing the premiums paid and the interest thereon. Of their huge resources the companies had £86,132,000 invested in mortgage, £14,882,758 on loans on policies, and £27,096,979 in loans on rates. A sum of £7,708,293 in British Government securities seems a small percentage of the whole, but the interest return therefrom is altogether inadequate to the accumulation of the funds on the basis of valuation of many of the companies. Indian and colonial Government securities represent a more attractive because more remunerative investment, and the total invested therein is £19,352,529, and even foreign Government securities are held to the amount of £10,435,709. The companies have debentures aggregating £55,746,537, and shares and stocks to the value of £37,975,999, and land and house property and ground rents worth £24,473,414, and life interests and reversions £8,388,761.

The growth of the trust companies of the United States has been one of the most remarkable developments of the past quarter of a century. Over periods of years their progress is indicated by the following figures, which are taken from the "American Bankers' Magazine":—

	Capital.	Total Deposits.	Total Resources.
1875 ..	£4,370,804 ...	£17,000,000 ...	£24,580,000
1885 ..	5,286,000 ...	37,705,000 ...	49,080,000
1895 ..	21,800,000 ...	109,840,050 ...	162,000,000
1902 ..	35,950,000 ...	305,200,000 ...	397,000,000

The growth of these institutions, it will be seen, has been very remarkable, more particularly in recent years. The money is employed by the trusts in a variety of ways. £17,450,000 in loans and discounts, £138,700,000 in loans on personal and collateral security, £82,370,000 in other loans and securities, £2,520,000 in State, country, and municipal bonds, £3,600,000 in railroad bonds and stocks, £517,000 in bank stocks, £32,570,000 in other bonds and stocks, £320,000 in United States bonds, £10,053,000 in real estate, furniture, and fixtures, and £5,560,000 being represented by other assets. There was due from banks and bankers £46,300,000, and cash and cash items amounted to £6,640,000. The "Bankers' Magazine" puts the case for the trust in these words:—"It is an intermediary between great enterprises and the group of individuals who constitute its customers. It takes the amounts, large or small, contributed by the latter in trust, and the result is a large amount, which it can invest in any corporate undertaking to the mutual advantage of all concerned. The political economist will not fail to see here an important service to the community. At the same time the profits go to those who furnish the capital." All this presents the favourable aspect of the trusts, and may be admitted without reference to the fact that occasionally the combinations prove their power to the disadvantage of the community. Hence the legislation threatened in Congress, which, with the decision that has declared the Northern Securities Company illegal, is making the holders of trust company shares very apprehensive of their position.

The directors of Paterson, Laing, and Bruce, Ltd., have issued a report in London declaring a dividend on the cumulative preference capital at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum in respect of the four months from October 1, 1903 (up to which date the dividend has already been paid), to January 31, 1904, in accordance with the arrangement mentioned at the last annual meeting, under which the preference dividends will in future be payable, in respect of the half-years to January 31 and July 31 in each year, instead of March 31 and September 30 as formerly. The payments will thus accord with the dates to which the company's accounts are made up. The accounts for the half-year to January 31 had been received from Melbourne, Sydney, and Hobart, and showed a great improvement in profits as compared with the figures of the preceding year.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 26.

WHEAT.

The cargo of the Joliette, which sailed from Melbourne on March 19, has been sold at 29s 3d, and 8500 quarters of Victorian wheat, for April shipment, at 29s 6d per 480lb. c.i.f.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was quicker than ever, though purchases so far have not allowed the export figures to be adversely affected. 2s 11d is the outside value of wheat, and indeed were offerings freer than they are it is not probable that this rate would be obtainable. Shippers are rather pessimistic as far as the London market is concerned, and private cables certainly do not tend to create optimistic feelings. The latest news is that 28s 10½d per quarter is the best price offering for Australian cargoes. This is a further drop of 4½d per quarter since yesterday. Of course there is no business doing at this figure. Flour remained slow of sale at £7 5s to £7 10s, so that millers are not faring any better than shippers.

The imports and exports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney from January 1 to April 23 compare with those for the corresponding period of last year as follow:—

	Wheat. 1903. Bushels.	1904. Bushels.	Flour. 1903. Tons.	1904. Tons.
Imports ..	2,292,154 ..	238 ..	14,616 ..	262
Exports ..	40,297 ..	4,453,809 ..	5,365 ..	10,387
Net imports	2,251,857 ..	— ..	9,251 ..	—
Net exports	— ..	4,453,571 ..	— ..	10,125

Taking the wheat and flour together in terms of bushels of wheat we find that a net exportation of 4,959,696 bushels up to date this year compares with a net importation of 2,714,407 bushels last year.

The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended April 26, compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended April 26	7,043 ..	780
Previous week	6,083 ..	668
Last year	11 ..	12

The receipts of wheat and flour in the first 17 statistical weeks of the present year and the preceding five years are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 17 weeks in 1900....	74,802 ..	6,521
First 17 weeks in 1901....	117,158 ..	11,889
First 17 weeks in 1902....	110,079 ..	13,392
First 17 weeks in 1903....	13,840 ..	1,510
First 17 weeks in 1904....	201,703 ..	10,959

The receipts of mill offals during the past week, compared with those of the corresponding period of last year, are as follow:—

	Last Year. Tons.	Last Week. Tons.
Bran	24 ..	111
Pollard	36 ..	59

The prices ruling to-day for wheat and its products compare with those ruling 12 months ago as follow:—

	A Year Ago.	To-day.
Wheat, per bushel	£0 5 2 ..	£0 2 11
Flour, per ton	12 10 0 ..	7 10 0
Bran, per bushel	0 1 3 ..	0 0 6½
Pollard, per bushel	0 1 5 ..	0 0 7½

A year earlier prices were:—Wheat, 4s 3d; flour, £9; bran, 1s 3½d; and pollard, 1s 4½d.

IMPORT MARKET.

A fair volume of business for a mail day was advised to-day, but prices varied only inconsiderably from those current earlier in the week. Branbags were firmer, advanced rates being asked, though no large sales were reported at the higher prices. Cables from London are to the effect that both currants and tinplates have risen at centre. These rises following on further advances at a recent date have tended to some degree to harden the ideas of holders on spot.

The following Customs order from the Comptroller-General has been issued:—Vinegar in bottles, unless marked in such manner as to deceive purchasers, charge on actual contents, with exception shown on page 365, "Guide."

Tea.—Privately some good sales were reported, covering 500 chests of Ceylons at 7½d to 13½d, 32 chests of Indians at 9½d, and 80 ditto at 7d to 8d per lb.

Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. report:—"We offered this morning, under instructions from Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., and Messrs. Morgan and Co., at the rooms, 199 Pitt-street, a catalogue of Ceylon teas covering 471 packages of choice high-grade teas. The trade responded to the call in goodly numbers, but were apparently only looking for bargains, as bidding at 7d was very brisk for fourteen-penny teas. It seems difficult for the Sydney tea trade to discriminate between a sevenpenny and a thirteen-penny tea. The vendors, Gerber, Michaut, and Co., declared to sell at any reasonable bidding being in evidence, irrespective of cost, and consequently cleared their invoices. Messrs. Morgan and Co. held for costs, with the result that their invoice was passed in. Perhaps they were right, as fine teas, except on spot, are off for some four months. We quote selling rates as under:—Orange pekoe, 7½d to 8½d; good common broken pekoe, 7½d to 8½d; medium to fine broken orange pekoe, 9d to 11½d."

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer at auction, at their saleroom, 18 Bridge-street, on Friday, May 6, 808 packages of Ceylon teas, ex recent arrivals, on account of Messrs. Scott, Henderson, and Co.

Sugar.—A quiet tone prevailed in this market, local prices being without alteration. Some very significant figures are available as to the consumption of sugar in the United Kingdom and in France before and since the Brussels Sugar Bounty Convention was sanctioned. The figures are given on the authority of the "Produce Markets Review." The Brussels Sugar Convention took effect on September 1, 1903. From the date named to February 29 (an extra day as compared with the two previous years) the home consumption of sugar in the United Kingdom has been as follows:—

Six Months' British Sugar Consumption from September 1 to End of February.

1903-4 ..... Tons,	534,155 ..	Decrease, 15.70 per cent.	
1902-3 ..... "	636,690 ..	"	45.01 "
1901-2 ..... "	1,152,473		

The French consumption during the same period shows so striking a contrast that it needs no comment:—

Six Months' French Sugar Consumption from September 1 to End of February.

1903-4 ..... Tons,	404,862 ..	Increase, 72 per cent.
1902-3 ..... "	235,235	

Of course these figures may require this qualification that the tendency would be for British consumers to stock up for some time prior to the date on which the convention came into force, thus swelling the apparent consumption while French consumers would adopt exactly the opposite policy. Still, with higher prices in England and lower prices in France as the result of the abolition of the bounties the falling off of consumption in the former and increase in the latter country was quite to be expected.

The prospects of the crop in Queensland are thus described by the "Sugar Journal" under date Mackay, April 15:—"Since our last issue the weather has on the whole been dry, and, so far as temperature is concerned, not altogether favourable to the production of big crops. It may be at once stated that on the whole there has been little in the way of the usual monsoonal rains, and though the more northern districts of the State have enjoyed a fair amount of moisture, it still remains to be seen whether the absence of the usual tropical downpours will not show some evil effects later on during the winter and spring. South of Mackay we regret to say that the rainfall still remains not only below the average, but too little for the requirements of the crops. Consequently the most pessimistic reports come to hand from the Bundaberg and neighbouring areas, which, while indicating that the crops will in no way equal those of five or six years ago, still must not be taken too seriously as determining that the output of sugar will be down to the level of those years when there was neither rainfall nor irrigation to keep the cane alive. Last year the irrigated crops were those which enabled the Bundaberg district to produce, say, 15,000 tons of sugar. This year the irrigated areas will again give good results, and on the whole the unirrigated lands will not be quite so bare of cane as last year. The position generally, therefore, may be taken to closely approximate that of the same time last year in the south, but in the north, from Mackay upwards, we may look for some notable increases, giving on the whole crop, on a conservative estimate, an increase of not less than 33 per cent." Since the above was written general rains have fallen in Queensland, and improved prospects are in consequence reported from the south, and particularly from the Bundaberg district.

Groceries.—50 cases of Symington's coffee essence, large and small, sold at convention rates. 50 boxes of D.R.J. candles went at 6½d.

Dried Fruits.—Private cables advise a rise of 1s per cwt. in the London currant market. Mail advices received to-day and dated London, March 19, state:—"Currants continue to be in good demand, especially as regards medium fruit. The inquiry for provincial has slackened a little, although the supply does not seem to be excessive. Panariti and Vostizza are being offered somewhat freely, and easier prices are creating a demand. Shipments from Greece to Continental countries continue large; but little or nothing is being sent to England at present. 50 boxes of dates moved off at 2½d per lb.

Eastern Produce.—A few tons of canary seed were placed at £20 15s, to arrive in June. On spot, high rates are asked.

Metals.—Tinplates were cabled 3d per box higher from London. When last mail left, this line was not well spoken of; in fact, one correspondent, writing from Wales, stated that "nothing of a satisfactory nature can be reported of the tinplate trade. The reports from the Llanelly district are depressing, and the immediate outlook is unfavourable." Stocks then stood at 118,360 boxes. Locally I.C. cokes ruled firm at 14s; 10 miles of 42 by 1½in rabbit-proof netting sold at £27 per mile.

Jute Goods.—Holders were all firm at 5s 7d for branbags to-day, there being buyers at 5s 6d. Cornsacks remained nominal at 6s 3d, and woolpacks at 2s for the season's delivery.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £6837. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1970; narcotics, £1075; sugar, £400; agricultural products and groceries, £1109; apparel and textiles, £1818; metals and machinery, £418; oils, paints, and varnishes, £407; earthenware, cement, etc., £190; drugs and chemicals, £100; wood, wicker, and cane, £274; jewellery and fancy goods, £286; leather and rubber, £280; paper and stationery, £276; musical instruments, £81; miscellaneous, £261; bonded warehouses, £60; harbour and light dues £71; pilotage £68; excise on spirits £233; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £200.

EXPORT MARKET.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received the following cable from their London house, under yesterday's date:—"The quantity of wool available for the forthcoming series of sales, including held over and bought in, is 311,500 bales, of which 128,500 bales have gone direct to Yorkshire and the Continent, thus leaving a net available quantity for disposal of 183,000 bales."

Dalgety and Co. Ltd., report the receipt of the following cable from their London office, dated 26th instant:—"The list of arrivals for the third series of sales, fixed to open on May 3, has closed. New arrivals amount to 297,000 bales, of which 128,500 bales are direct purchases for manufacturers at home and abroad, leaving (with 14,500 bales carried over from last series) 183,000 bales available for sale. The net quantity which arrived for the corresponding series of sales last year was 208,000 bales."

Butter Statistics.—The imports and exports of butter from the port of Sydney up to date this year compare with those of the corresponding period of last year as follow:—

	To Date. 1903. lb	1904. lb
Imports	704,266 ..	265,404
Exports	1,331,740 ..	9,731,024
Net Exports	627,474 ..	9,465,620

Butter and Cheese Receipts.—The following were the receipts of butter and cheese by rail last week and in the corresponding week last year:—

	Last Year.	Last Week.
Butter, kegs	68 ..	20
Butter, cases	1137 ..	2458
Cheese, cases	80 ..	547

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Tuesday 80 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, March 25.

The second series of colonial wool auctions for the year, which opened on March 8, were concluded on the 23rd inst. The net available total was 168,000 bales. There have been catalogued 164,296 bales. Of these 155,000 bales have been sold. There were bought for export 76,000 bales, including 12,000 bales for America. There remain to be carried over to next auctions, May 3, 13,500 bales.

The attendance throughout was a very full one, and some substantial orders for American account helped the market considerably. These were notably medium and coarse crossbreds of light shrinkage, and which realised very full rates.

Opening at par to 5 per cent. below previous auction rates, the effect of this on terminal markets was to depress for some days following. Those who were disposed to buy made the most of this fall, and that was reflected in London, and no improvement was evident for a few days during the first week, but importers declined to sell, and withdrawals took place. This had the effect of letting buyers see that there was little chance of buying any cheaper, and a rally took place, with more general buying, thereby adding tone to the sales. This state of things was maintained to the close, leaving faulty, wasty sorts fully 5 per cent. cheaper than previous series' level, but all good wools in a fairly strong position. Crossbreds, however, from the commencement were most in favour, and anything of low grade received careful and close attention. The advance of 5 per cent. at the opening was at times exceeded when all sections of the trade got into full swing. The home trade, as usual, took the largest proportion of strong wools, and also competed more or less for all other qualities. A striking feature of the series was the activity of American buyers, who, it will be seen on referring to the above figures, took a far larger quantity than for some years back at a single series.

The effect of the sales just closed has been to give strength to terminal markets, and reveal the fact that Continental business appears to be in a stronger position generally than is the case in Yorkshire. At home, whilst there is fair turnover, trade is done on a hand-to-mouth principle, and new orders come in slowly, sellers finding it difficult to maintain prices on recent London level. It is still the case that Bradford is the cheapest market, hence holders find it hard to do business on paying lines. This state of things may not be far to seek as far as merinos are concerned. The fact that direct purchases are coming in rapidly, and must be negotiated, may lead in many cases to offers at a slightly easier rate than London currency in order to catch a buyer. It was not expected a few months ago that merinos would fall; the reverse was hoped for, and at one time it seemed as if that would be the case, but the renewed and large inquiries for coarse sorts have dispelled that belief, and merinos have to go a-begging, at least as far as the ordinary count is concerned. Special grades and choice sorts come under a different heading. Fine clothing sorts, more especially scoured superfines, have been in good demand, and as much as 2s 2d per lb has been paid for one parcel.

Following an auction there has perhaps been a better inquiry for samples than for some time past; that would seem to augur well for the interval before next auctions.

The war causes a certain amount of uneasiness; it seems likely to be a long one, and no one can tell whether ultimately other European Powers may not be drawn into the struggle. All this tells more or less upon the trading community, and tends to keep down values by lessening the demand and inquiries.

At foot are particulars of some leading brands sold and prices realised since last mail:—

New South Wales Wools.—Newcomen over Angledool, greasy first combing 8½d, greasy second combing 8d, greasy B combing 8d, greasy necks 8½d, greasy first pieces 7½d, greasy second pieces 6½d; Micabil, greasy first combing 9½d, greasy second combing 9d, greasy first clothing 8d, greasy second clothing 8d, greasy first pieces 9d, greasy second pieces 8d, 7d, greasy bellies 6d; — over CY (C reversed) over Cobbadah, greasy combing 1s 0½d, 11½d, greasy first pieces 9½d, greasy bellies 6d; GRG in diamond over New England, greasy super combing 11½d, greasy first combing 10½d, 10d, greasy super clothing 1s 0½d, greasy broken 10½d, greasy pieces 8½d; Bull Bros. over Big River, greasy super 11d, 10½d, greasy first pieces 9½d, greasy second pieces 8d; C in D, greasy super 11½d, 11d, 10d, greasy first pieces 8½d, greasy second pieces 4½d, greasy bellies 6½d; Gill over New England, greasy super combing 1s, 11½d, greasy broken 10d, greasy first pieces 9½d, greasy second pieces 6d, greasy bellies 7½d; Miller's Creek, greasy first 11d, greasy second 10½d, greasy broken 8½d, greasy first pieces 9d, greasy super lambs 9½d, greasy first lambs 7½d; F and AG over Moree, greasy AA combing 10d, 9½d, greasy B combing 9d, greasy A clothing 8½d, greasy first pieces 9½d, 7½d, greasy second pieces 7½d; CAA over Newstead North, greasy first combing 11½d, greasy second combing 11d, greasy first clothing 11d, greasy clothing 10d, greasy first pieces 10d, greasy second pieces 8d.

Queensland.—A. P. Co. over Noondoo, greasy A combing 10d, 9½d, greasy B combing 9½d, 9d, 8½d, 8d, greasy C 7½d, 7½d, greasy broken 6½d, 6½d, greasy bellies 6½d, 5½d; Rockwood, scoured first combing 1s 9d, 1s 8d, 1s 7½d, 1s 7d, scoured second combing 1s 9d, scoured first clothing 1s 9½d, 1s 8½d, scoured necks 1s 8½d, 1s 7½d, scoured first pieces 1s 8d, 1s 7d, 1s 6½d, scoured second pieces 1s 6d, scoured bellies 1s 5½d; Glenlyon, greasy A combing 11½d, 11d, greasy B combing 10d, greasy necks 10d, greasy pieces 9d; WA over Whyenbah, greasy first combing 9½d, greasy second combing 9d, greasy first pieces 9d, greasy second pieces 7d; Nive Downs in circle, scoured first combing 1s 7d, scoured second combing 1s 7d, 1s 6½d, scoured third combing 1s 6d, scoured first clothing 1s 7d, 1s 6½d, scoured second clothing 1s 6d, 1s 5½d, scoured first pieces 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, scoured second pieces 1s 3d, 1s 2½d; AT in block over Avon Downs, greasy A combing 9½d, 8½d, greasy B combing 8d, greasy A clothing 9d, 8½d, 8d, greasy B clothing 7½d; GP over W, greasy first combing 9½d, greasy clothing 8½d, greasy first pieces 8½d, greasy second pieces 7½d, greasy bellies 5½d; Welltown, greasy first clothing 9d, greasy broken 9½d, greasy first pieces 8½d; CK over Roma Downs, greasy AAA combing 9d, greasy AA combing 8d, greasy A combing 7½d, greasy first pieces 7½d, greasy second pieces 6½d, scoured AA 1s 7d, scoured A 1s 6d, scoured first pieces 1s 4d; C and Co. over Kensington Downs, scoured first combing 1s 8d, scoured A combing 1s 6d, scoured B combing 1s 5½d, scoured first pieces 1s 2½d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Wheat remained unaltered to-day. For a parcel 3s might have been obtained, but for general lots buyers would not offer beyond 2s 11½d. Flour, steady, at from £7 10s to £8; bran, 7d to 7½d; pollard, 8d to 8½d. Eggs advanced to-day at auction to 1s 7d.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

To-day's exchange sales and quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, b 5s 10d, s 6s 3d; Queensland National Bank, b 12s 1d, s 12s 6d. Sales: Queensland Meat Export, 10s 3d (cum rights); Castlemaine Brewery, 5s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-day's exchange sales were:—Victoria 3 per cent. stock, £91 10s; Commercial Bank preference, £5 4s; National, ordinary, 5s 6d; Special Assets Trust, 13s 3d; Silverton Tram, 45s 6d.

Wheat was dull. 1250 bags sold, principally at 3s ex store, but generally only 2s 11½d is obtainable, and the larger shippers are disinclined to exceed 2s 11d. Bran, 7½d. Pollard, 7½d. Algerian feed oats, 1s to 1s 2d; milling, 1s 2½d to 1s 3d. Old maize, 1s 9d to 1s 11d, according to condition; new, 1s 9d to 1s 10d. Prime chaff, 42s 6d to 45s; good, 37s 6d to 40s. Potatoes, 35s to 45s. Onions, 30s; extra prime, 32s 6d. About 550 packages of Ceylon tea sold at 7½d to 1s 1½d. Fair business done in East Indian coffee for export. Fair business done in imported currants, sultanas, and dates. Morton's fresh herrings are in better demand. There has been a good demand for dried ginger. Cornsacks, 6s; branbags, 5s 6d; ore bags, 2s 3d; woolpacks, 1s 10½d. A parcel of pig iron sold.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

ARAKOON, Tuesday.

The steamer Defender left to-day for Sydney with a cargo of timber, maize, and 5 tons of plant from Trial Bay Wharf.

BELLINGER HEADS, Tuesday.

The steamer Rosedale sailed at daylight this morning. Cargo: 486 bgs maize, 43 pigs, 84 bxs butter, 3 coops poultry, 3 cs eggs, and a quantity of sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Tuesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Business in Sussex-street to-day partook of the same quiet characteristics recorded yesterday, with the approach of the end of the month exercising a restricting influence on the operations of buyers in every department. As would be expected, movements in quotations were on the downward grade. Among the chief fluctuations were declines in maize, potatoes, and chaff, all of which markedly receded.

Butter held the premier position with regard to sale in the dairy produce market, and figures quoted were firmly maintained. Bacon was very weak, and several brands were quotably easier. Cheese also drew fair inquiry, but little inquiry, and limited sales only were effected. The previous standard for quotations in eggs was unaltered, but business proved to be rather slow, no doubt the result of the reluctance of consumers to pay such high rates. Poultry was in fair supply, while the demand was moderate. City millers' price for offals was 6½d for bran and 7½d for pollard, while sellers of country consignments reported business at ½d per bushel lower. The advance made yesterday in chaff proved to be only a temporary move, for this morning the market ruled flat at from £3 to £3 5s per ton for prime cuts. Both Melbourne and Adelaide chaff moved freely at late rates. Melbourne oaten hay was again placed on the market, and put under offer at £3 15s per ton. Up to £2 12s 6d was obtained for Tasmanian straw, while local derrick went under the hammer at £2 per ton. Only five trucks of lucerne arrived by rail, while 333 bales came to hand by steamer. At the railway the best Mudgee makes realised £3, and truss lucerne £1 10s to £1 13s 4d per ton. On the wharf prime green and dry hay was taken at from £2 10s to £2 15s, while part of a consignment of choice small bales was disposed of at £3 5s per ton. Barley showed firmness, and Cape feed grain moved off at from 2s 3d to 2s 4d per bushel. Peas and oats remained quiet, and no changes in prices were noted. Chickwheat was under offer in the usual quantities, but was accorded little support. In consequence partly of the large stocks and partly to the "hanging off" of buyers the potato market fell to-day. The best redskins were sold at £2, while medium reds and prime darkskins were cleared at £1 15s and £1 17s 6d per ton. Out of the shipments amounting to 25,000 bags which arrived yesterday there are about 6000 bags for transhipment to the North. Onions attracted moderate attention, and the best bulbs were taken at from £2 5s to £2 7s 6d per ton. The maize market became again unsettled to-day, which appears now to be its chronic state. From what could be gathered out of the scanty transactions concluded on the street 2s 2d appeared to be top price for prime dry yellow grain, while white sold at from 1s 10d to 2s per bushel. About 1900 bags arrived from the Macleay, while a further shipment of 2000 bags is expected to-morrow from the Clarence River.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Best factory, sides 7½d to 8d, flitches 7d to 7½d, middles 9d to 10d; York Castle, mild-cured sides, 8d; middles, 11d; Pineapple, midoels, 9½d, flitches 8d; Bodalla, sides 8½d, middles 10d, flitches 8½d; Federal, sides 7½d; Daisy brand, 8½d; F. F. and L., sides 8½d, flitches 8d, middles 10d; B in circle, 8d, flitches 7½d, middles 9d. Hams: Colonial, in cloth 10d to 1s, small weights 1s 1d; Pineapple, 1s 0½d; New Zealand, 1s; York Castle, 1s; Daisy, 1s 1½d; Bodalla, 1s; F. F. and L., 1s; B in circle, 11½d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Choice loaf 4d to 4½d, odd lots to 5d, good 3d to 3½d, prime large 4d to 4½d, new and soft from 3d; Kameruka Cheddar, 5d; Bodalla, 5d lb.

Butter.—Firm. Pasteurised 8d, prime 7½d to 8d, good 7d, inferior to 6d.

Eggs.—Northern, 1s 3d to 1s 5d; South, 1s 7d to 1s 8d, odd lots to 1s 9d; suburban new-laid, 1s 10d to 2s doz.

POULTRY.

Fowls.—River: Choice 3s 6d, good 3s, young roosters 3s to 3s 6d; English river ducks 2s 9d to 3s, choice 3s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river from 2s to 3s 3d, drakes good to 4s 6d; geese, 4s to 5s, choice 6s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, choice 13s, hens 5s to 6s, good 11s, choice heavy to 15s; guinea fowls, to 4s 6d pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was firm at 6½d to 6¾d, and pollard at 7½d to 7¾d bus.

WOOD MARKET.

Wood.—Fair supply. Good wood in demand. Best footwood 12s to 11s 6d, medium 10s to 11s 6d, rough 8s 6d to 9s 6d, bakers' splits 9s 6d to 10s, sticks 10s ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local: Prime wheaten £3 to £3 5s, medium £2 5s to £2 15s, inferior from £1 10s. Melbourne: Good oaten £2 10s to £2 15s, inferior £2 5s. Adelaide: Best wheaten £3 7s 6d to £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £3 15s ton. Local: Nominal.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed—Tasmanian: £2 to £2 2s 6d. Local: £2 ton.

Lucerne.—Newcastle wharf: Extra choice large bales £2 15s, small bales £3 5s, prime dry green £2 10s, good dry brown £1 15s to £2 5s, inferior soft green £1 to £1 10s. Redfern: Mudgee prime green in small bales £3, medium £2 10s to £2 12s 6d; Northern nominal, medium truss £1 10s to £1 13s 4d ton.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Firm.—English feed 2s 1d, Cape 2s 3d to 2s 4d bus.

Maize.—Unsettled. River, prime dry yellow 2s 2d, soft 2s 1d, white grain 1s 10d to 2s, wet from 1s 6d bus. Imported: Queensland, nominal.

Peas.—Quiet. Grey 5s, blue 3s 9d to 4s bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian 1s 9d to 1s 10d. Tasmanian: White feed 2s, inferior from 1s 6d to 1s 10d; Algerian, 1s 8d to 1s 9d. New Zealand: Tartarian, 2s 7d. Local: Feed Algerian, prime 1s 9d to 1s 10d, some from 1s 6d, white prime heavy 2s to 2s 2d, light 1s 6d to 1s 10d; Algerian seed 1s 10d to 2s. Tartarian seed from 1s 7½d bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 1s 6d to 2s, medium smutty 2s 1d to 2s 4d, and full-grain 2s 5d to 2s 7d bus.

Rye Corn.—Nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Circulars plentiful. Prime redskins £2, darkskins £1 15s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Portarlingtons, prime £2 5s to £2 7s 6d, inferior from £2 ton.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, £1 10s ton.

Honey.—Choice 2½d, good 2d to 2¼d, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bulk 2½d to 3½d, bladders 4½d to 4¾d lb.

Beeswax.—Choice clear 1s 2d, other sorts 1s to 1s 1d lb.

REDFERN SALES.

Supplies of produce to-day showed decided shrinkage on yesterday's total, only 38 trucks being forward for sale. However, the market was dull throughout, and the small stock of produce did not exercise the usual effect of giving a firm tone to the sales, probably on account of the complete supplies which most buyers have on hand. Chaff comprised the bulk of the consignments offered, but only about half of those forward were disposed of. Prime wheaten chaff sold at from 3s to 3s 5d, and medium 2s 3d to 2s 10d per cwt. All the trucks of lucerne were knocked down, as the inquiry was improved. Prime green Mudgee makes went at 3s, medium 2s 6d and 2s 7d, while fair truss hay from the Hawkesbury brought 1s 6d and 1s 8d per cwt. Good derrick straw found disposal at 2s, and when a truck of rye straw was held up spirited competition resulted, and the consignment was ultimately sold at 4s 3d per cwt. Wheat was quiet of sale; prime chickwheat made 2s 5d, and medium sorts 2s 2d and 2s 3½d per bushel. Out of two trucks of oats placed under the hammer only one found sale, at 1s 11d per bushel.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Walker and Oxby, Ellis and Co., J. Bartram and Sons, H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, Dent and Perry, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, H. M. Suttor and Co., J. Fay and Co., Dalgety and Co., C. W. M'Farlane and Co., J. Bridge and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., P. J. Moy and Co., Wells and Matthews, R. Little and Co., Cameron and M'Fadyen, and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 38 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff, 23 trucks; lucerne, 5; straw, 3; wheat, 5; and oats, 2.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From J. Boardman, Woodstock, (5316) passed; J. Mitchell, Cargo-road, (6573) 2s 8d; Davis Bros., Cowra, (2132) passed; J. Bonnor and Co., Millthorpe, (8546) 3s, (5251) 3s, (12106) 2s 1d; Prescott, Hornsby, (3358) passed; T. W. White, Eulomogo, (319) passed; Samuels, Dubbo, (11057) passed; Christian Bros., Raglan, (12741) 2s 7d; J. Howard, (10655) passed; Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Society, Goulburn, (4906) 2s 3d, (11650) 2s 3d; L. Cooney, Ganmain, (6447) 3s 2d; Prescott and Co., Wellington, (6576) passed; Williamson, Narromine, (6435) passed, (4371) 3s 3d, (7150) passed; J. Furney, Dubbo, (11456) passed; W. J. Pollack, Tabragar, (11471) 2s 10d; Jakes, Bathurst, (2580) passed; Dent and Perry, Millthorpe, (11285) passed.

Lucerne.—From Fred. Mogg, Mudgee, (12761) 3s; Jas. Marks, (6668) 2s 6d; A. J. Cox, (5855) 2s 7d; Greentree, Windsor, (4731) 1s 6d; A. Daley, (3478) 1s 8d cwt.

Straw.—From H. Matthews, Eulomogo, (11762) passed; Pratley, Kelso, (4619) 2s cwt.

Rye Straw.—From D. Charlton, Tarana, (5593) 4s 3d cwt.

Wheat.—From Campbell, Muswellbrook, (4186) 57 bags branded WM 2s 5d, and 38 bags branded O passed; ex Germanton, (10058) 2s 2d, (2130) 2s 3½d, (5418) 2s 5d bus; W. T. Lewis, Dubbo, (11313) passed.

Oats.—From J. D. Leary, Millthorpe, (12063) passed; W. and E. Hayes, (8554) part 1s 11d bus.

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FRUIT MARKETS.

A fair volume of business transpired at the Bathurst-street fruit markets to-day, but quotations do not present any changes of note. Both Tasmanian and Melbourne pears and apples commanded brisk business at late figures. Local fruits were dull, lemons, quinces, and oranges calling for special mention in this respect.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Rough, 2s to 2s 6d; Fannys, choice 6s, good 5s 6d to 6s 6d, medium 3s 6d to 4s 6d gin-case. Tasmanian. Crabs, 5s to 5s 6d; Adam's Pearmains, 4s to 5s 6d; Ribstones, 4s to 4s 6d; Scarlets, 5s to 5s 6d. Melbourne: Yate's, 5s bushel-case.

Lemons.—Local: Prime 3s, good 2s to 2s 6d, inferior unsaleable; American, 3s 6d half-case, 7s double case.

Cocoanuts.—12 bag, 1s 6d to 2s doz.

Pears.—Melbourne: Bayley's Seedlings, 5s to 5s 6d packer; Winter Nelis, 6s to 7s; Golden Beurre, 4s 6d to 5s 6d packer. Tasmanian: Beurre Bosc, 3s 6d to 4s; B.D.C., 3s to 4s; Gibling's Seedlings, 3s 6d to 4s; Winter Nelis, 4s to 4s 6d; Beurre Dele, 3s to 4s half-bushel. Local: China, 1s 6d to 2s 6d gin-case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 6d to 3s bunch, 6s to 7s 6d case. Fiji: 3s to 4s bunch, 8s to 9s case.

Oranges.—Navels: American 13s to 14s case of 150 to 250; Queensland, 5s to 5s 6d case; local, common, coloured 3s 6d to 4s 6d, good 5s; Siletta, choice 6s gin-case.

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d, small 2s to 2s 6d half-case.

Persimmons.—Choice 2s 6d, good 1s 6d to 2s, small 6d to 1s box.

Plums.—Tasmanian: 1s 6d to 2s box. Melbourne: 1s to 1s 6d half-bushel case, small unsaleable.

Peaches.—Choice 4s to 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d, inferior 1s to 2s gin-case.

Pineapples.—Common, 7s; Queens, 7s case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice to 3s 6d, good 2s 6d, small 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Quinces.—Choice 3s, good 2s 6d, small and jam lots 1s 6d to 2s case. Melbourne: 4s double case.

Grapes.—Local: White, 3s 6d to 4s; Black Hamburgh, 2s to 3s; Doradills, 3s to 3s 6d half-case; muscatels, 4s 6d box.

PRODUCE RETURNS.

The following is a complete return of produce received at Sydney, Clyde, and suburban stations per rail for the week ending Tuesday, April 26, together with the figures for the preceding year:—

	1904.	1903.
Butter, kegs	20 ..	48
Butter, cases	2,458 ..	882
Cheese, cases	547 ..	175
Eggs, cases	214 ..	275
Bacon, bags	1 ..	5
Bacon, sides	45 ..	21
Hay, trucks	44 ..	89
Straw, trucks	11 ..	13
Chaff, trucks	220 ..	99
Wool, bales	573 ..	728
Sheepskins, bales	1,085 ..	1,552
Wheat, tons	7,043 ..	1,433
Flour, tons	799 ..	891
Oats, tons	161 ..	196
Barley, tons	121 ..	69
Maize, tons	97 ..	13
Meal, tons	— ..	39
Potatoes, tons	13 ..	2
Bran, tons	111 ..	117
Pollard, tons	58 ..	93

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of April 28 266 sheep vans and 110 cattle waggons; and for May 2 36 sheep vans and 99 cattle waggons.

STOCK SALES.

BEGA, Tuesday.

At the weekly sales at the corporation yards to-day a large number of stock was forward, and the following prices were realised:—Fat pigs, to 46s 6d; store pigs, 22s 6d to 30s; slips, 11s 3d to 17s 3d; fat cows, £5 1s to £6 2s; fat heifers, £5 2s 6d; bulls, £2 10s to £5; forward conditioned store cows, £4 5s 6d to £4 9s; heifers, 2yrs to 3yrs, £3 10s to £4 8s; poddies, 17s 9d to 25s 3d; yearling shorthorn steers, £2 10s.

GERRINGONG, Tuesday.

Yesterday Mr. Alex. Campbell held a successful clearing-out sale for Mr. Henry Wallace, Foxground. The attendance was large, and bidding brisk. Milking cows sold from £14 to £5, 32 head averaging £8 11s 1d. A roan bull brought £8 5s, and four of this bull's heifer calves realised £3 5s each, one of his bull calves fetching £3 17s 6d, and another £3. Six yearling heifers averaged £7 12s each. A sow, with a litter of six, sold for £5 5s.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruit sold as follows:—Apples, 1s to 4s 6d per case; figs, 3s 6d, 5s 6d; grapes; 2s 6d to 10s; oranges, imported, 16s to 18s per double case; lemons, imported, 11s to 15s, local 3s to 5s per case; melons, water, 6d to 3s 6d per doz, preserving 1s to 3s 6d; pears, culinary, 1s 6d to 3s per case, dessert 2s 6d to 5s 6d; quinces, 1s to 1s 6d.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the live stock market to-day 16,500 fat sheep were yarded. All qualities were fully represented. In the early part of the market the demand was steady, and prices practically unchanged. Competition, however, was not sustained, and as the sales progressed prices gradually became easier, and in the latter part the market ruled decidedly lower. Prime crossbred wethers made 20s to 21s; extra crossbred wethers, 24s to 25s; good crossbred wethers, 18s to 19s 6d; secondary crossbred wethers, from 15s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 18s to 20s; extra crossbred ewes, 21s 6d to 23s 6d; good crossbred ewes, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; secondary crossbred ewes, 13s 6d to 15s, a few inferior culls less; prime merino wethers, 19s to 20s 9d; good merino wethers, 16s to 18s 6d; secondary merino wethers, 14s to 15s; prime merino ewes, 15s 6d to 18s; good merino ewes, 14s to 15s. Fat lambs: 4200 penned. The lamb market was a reflex of that for sheep, opening about equal to late quotations, and weakening to lower figures. Prime sold at 14s to 17s, extra 17s 9d to 19s, with exceptional heavyweights 20s to 22s; good, 12s to 14s 6d; seconds, from 11s.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Tuesday.

Yesterday the management of the Associated Mine cabled to the London office of the company that a rich ore body recently opened up by means of crosscutting at the 1000ft level had again been intersected, this time in the course of bore-hole prospecting at the 800ft level. Starting in a southerly direction from the bottom winze going down in Tetley's lode below the latter depth, the drill boring horizontally first passed through 3ft of mineralised country rock. It then on its way passed through 7ft of lode stuff, assaying 18dwt to the ton. Continuing its course it next bored through 70ft of barren country, and then penetrated a 4ft vein averaging 13dwt per ton. Another strip of valueless country, 14ft in width, was next encountered, and following on this the most important discovery of all was made, 14ft of gold-bearing ground being struck, the average assay value of which was 35dwts to the ton. The importance of this latter find lies in the fact that it demonstrates that for at least a vertical depth of 200ft, the existence in an hitherto unproductive portion of the Associated ground of an immense body of high grade ore has been established, and it is not unreasonable to believe that further development will prove this valuable lode to extend from the surface downwards. With the object of testing this theory a bore hole is shortly to be put in at the seventh level, and if this furnishes satisfactory results prospecting of a similar character will doubtless be carried out at all the higher levels.

On Friday last the management of the North Boulder cabled to the London office of the company as follows:—"900ft level: East crosscut 170ft to 213ft low grade; 213ft to 214ft assays 10dwt per ton; 214ft to 215ft assays 3oz to the ton."

PERTH, Tuesday.

The State battery at Meekatharra crushed 176 tons of stone from Ingliston Consols for 1072oz of gold. Twenty-four tons from the Little Wonder mine were crushed at Menzies State battery for 163oz of gold.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

THE PRESSERS' UNION.

A meeting of the Pressers' Union was held at the Trades Hall on Monday night, under the presidency of Mr. T. Carey. The question of making an endeavour to secure the full co-operation of all classes of pressers in the city, including mantle and order pressers, was discussed. It was urged that if these employees could be persuaded to join the union it would mean a large addition to the present membership. After lengthy deliberation the secretary was instructed to ask for the co-operation of all those who were not at present members.

AGREEMENT IN THE GROCERY TRADE.

There was a very large attendance of grocers' assistants at a special meeting of the union, held at the Trades Hall on Monday night, for the purpose of receiving the report from the representatives of the union in regard to the conference held last week with the New South Wales Retail Grocers' Association, at which an agreement was arrived at between the parties. The report was submitted by the secretary, Mr. W. Mahoney. The result of the delegates' labours in regard to wages, working conditions, &c., were considered to be highly satisfactory, and the agreement was unanimously adopted. The committee was instructed to arrange for an industrial agreement being drawn up on the lines contained in the report submitted between the respective unions, and to take the necessary steps to apply to the Arbitration Court for the common rule for the county of Cumberland.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

A meeting of the board of directors was held on Monday last. Mr. J. H. Harris, vice-president, occupied the chair. The executive committee presented a report of the arrangements being made for the eleventh annual outdoor collection on May 7 next (Hospital Saturday). A new committee for the first time has been established at Waterloo and at Leichhardt, Petersham, Newtown, Botany, and North Botany. The local committees have been reconstituted with every promise of permanency.

Special reference was made to the increasing success of the work of the Ashfield Committee, and it was resolved to send them a letter expressing the satisfaction and appreciation of the board. The decision of the collection committee to fix a maximum number of lady collectors at each city section, together with many other matters referring to the outdoor collection, had, it was reported, been submitted and discussed at a meeting of city standholders and superintendents, when agreements were arrived at mutually satisfactory to the lady standholders and to the committee, which it is believed will result in relieving the committee of much anxiety regarding collection boxes and refreshments for the ladies on Hospital Saturday, without in any way causing a diminution in the monetary results.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mining market was fairly active yesterday, and prices generally were steady. Queensland gold companies had most attention, and Queen Central, Queen Cross Reef, and No. 2 South Great Eastern were wanted at better figures. Queen Central, paid, sold from 14s 7½d to 15s, and South Glanmire and Monkland sold from 16s 6d to 16s 9d, and back to 16s 7½d. No. 2 South Great Eastern had exchanged at 76s, and Queen Cross Reef were taken at 46s. Copper stocks were neglected; while in tin mines operations were confined to Cope's Creek Dredging at 8s. Among local gold companies, Baker's Creek and Woodlark Island Proprietary were slightly better, but New Hillgrove Proprietary were easier. Barrier silver shares were firm. Broken Hill Proprietary sold at 35s 3d, and Broken Hill South, paid, changed hands at 30s, 30s 3d. Broken Hill Block 10 were taken at 34s 9d, North Broken Hill at 12s, 12s 3d, and Sulphide Corporation at 4s 8d. In Western Australian ventures several stocks improved, including Associated, Associated Northern Blocks, Great Boulder, and South Kalgurli.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COAL.		
Bellambi	1 15 0	—
East Greta	1 5 0	—
Ditto, new	0 7 0	0 10 0
Newcastle	11 0 0	13 0 0
Stockton	0 6 0	0 6 9
Ditto, new	0 1 3	—
Vale of Clwydd	—	1 2 3
Wallsend	20 0 0	21 0 0
COPPER.		
Crowl Creek, contributing	—	0 0 9
Girilambone Mining	0 0 1	0 0 3
TIN.		
Brisels	0 8 0	—
Cooper Dredging	—	0 4 0
Cope's Creek	—	0 8 6
New Wylie Creek	0 5 3	0 6 0
Stannary Hills	0 1 10	—
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 9 6	—
British Broken Hill, new	0 6 5	0 7 2
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 15 0	1 15 6
Broken Hill, Block 10	1 14 0	1 15 0
Broken Hill, Block 14	0 3 3	—
Ditto, pref.	0 4 0	—
B. H. Junction	0 3 4	0 3 7
B. H. Junction North	0 2 10	—
North Broken	0 11 10½	0 12 3
B. H. South	1 10 0	1 10 6
Ditto, contributing	1 0 9	1 1 9
Sulphide Corporation	0 4 6	0 4 9
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 0 9	0 1 0
Mount Lyell	—	0 19 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 1	0 1 2
King's Reef	—	0 2 6
Mount David	0 0 4½	0 0 5½
Mount Drysdale	0 4 6	—
Occidental	—	0 6 9
Peak Hill	—	0 2 0
Peak Hill, contributing	—	0 2 0
Woodlark Island	0 2 9	0 3 2
Woodlark Island, contributing	0 2 1	0 2 5
DREDGING AND SLUICING COMPANIES.		
Araluen Central	0 13 6	—
Araluen Central, contributing	0 12 6	—
Federal Centrifugal	—	0 1 3
Turon River	0 3 9	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	—	0 13 9
Bonnie Dundee	0 3 2	0 3 4
Brilliant Block	0 11 0	0 12 3
Brilliant Central	3 0 0	3 2 0
Brilliant Extended	0 11 0	0 11 7
Brilliant St. George	1 7 3	1 8 6
Ditto, contributing	1 3 9	1 5 0
Columbia Consolidated	—	0 0 6
Columbia Extended	—	0 0 6
Columbia Smithfield	—	0 2 0
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 3 6
Kelly's Queen Block	0 2 10	0 3 4
Marshall's Queen	—	0 9 0
Mount Morgan	2 6 0	2 10 0
North Oriental and Glanmire	0 1 1½	0 1 3
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	0 4 2
North Smithfield	0 4 1	0 4 5
Oriental Consols	—	0 5 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 0
Papuan	—	0 5 9
Phoenix Golden Pile	0 1 2	—
Queen Central	0 14 10½	0 15 6
Ditto, contg.	0 14 0	—
Queen Central Block	0 7 6	0 8 6
Ditto, contributing	0 4 2	0 4 4
Queen Cross Reef	2 5 0	2 6 0
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 8 9	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 16 4	0 16 7
South Great Eastern No. 1	0 0 9	—
Ditto, No. 2	3 15 3	3 16 6
Vesuvius	0 7 6	0 8 6
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 3 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 5
Victoria and Queen	0 4 0	0 4 3
Western Australia.		
Associated	3 1 0	3 4 0
Associated Northern Blocks	1 3 0	—
Golden Horseshoe	—	8 15 0
Great Boulder	1 7 3	1 7 9
Great Boulder Perseverance	1 3 0	1 4 6
Great Fingall	8 3 0	—
Ivanhoe	8 7 0	8 13 6
Kalgurli, London Register	5 8 9	5 17 6
Kalgurli North, London Register	—	0 6 0
Kalgurli South, London Register	1 13 6	1 14 9
Lake View Consols, London Reg.	1 6 0	1 8 0
Lake View Consols, Share Warrants	1 5 0	—
Oroya Brown Hill	3 7 0	3 8 9
Queensland Menzies	0 8 0	0 8 3
Queen Margaret	—	0 2 6

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight: Brilliant Extended, paid, 11s 3d. On 'Change: New Hillgrove Proprietary, 13s, 12s 10½d; Queen Central, paid, 14s 7½d, 14s 9d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 6d; South Kalgurli, London Register, 33s 9d; Broken Hill Junction, 3s 5d. Later: South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s 3d; Baker's Creek, 1s 1d. Noon: Stockton Coal, new, 1s 3d. Later: Queen Cross Reef, 46s; Newcastle Coal, £11 10s; Baker's Creek, 1s 1d; Queen Central, paid, 15s; Cope's Creek Dredging, 8s; Stockton Coal, 6s 6d; Wilmot Extended, 1s 4d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 9d. Afternoon: New Hillgrove Proprietary, 12s 9d; Baker's Creek, 1s 1d; North Broken Hill, 12s, (terms one month) 12s 3d; Broken Hill South, paid, 30s, 30s 3d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 7½d; Great Boulder, 27s 6d; Sulphide Corporation, 4s 8d. Later: Baker's Creek, 1s 1d; Broken Hill, Block 10, 34s 9d; Broken Hill Junction (terms one month), 3s 6d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 76s.

Mr. R. N. Kirk, Sydney agent of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, advises the receipt of the following cable by the company:—"London, 25th April. Silver, 2s 1d (official quotation); lead, £12 5s (buyers' price); shares, £1 14s 3d (buyers' price)."

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, has consigned 402 tons of blister copper during the current half-year.

OPERATIONS AT TOWAMBA.

TOWAMBA, Tuesday.

Yambulla latest crushings are:—R. M'Kenzie and party had 5 tons treated at Hite's water-wheel battery for a yield of 1½oz per ton; from Scott and Jervis, 5 tons treated at Haugh's battery yielded 6oz 4dwt; and Roberts and Hocking had 6 tons treated at Gough's mill for 12dwt per ton. Tenders are being called for carting about 3000 tons from Bland and Company's Squirrel Flat lease to Haugh's Federal Battery. M'Kay and Power, Hite and English, Tighe and Greer, Best and Day, and Stott and Jervis are all raising fair stone on Spion Kop; and Evans and Hardacre are raising good stone from their new find at Razorback.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The South mine's despatches last week comprised 630 tons of concentrates to Port Adelaide, and 223 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie. The mine continues to look remarkably well. Large forebreasts are in evidence in all directions, and requirements are easily forthcoming. The output last week consisted of 3549 tons of sulphides, assaying 15 per cent. lead, 10½oz silver, and 18 per cent. zinc, as compared with 16 per cent. lead, 7½oz silver and 17½ per cent. zinc for the previous week. The new main shaft has been timbered to 442ft from the surface brace, and stripped another 32ft ready for timbering. Other progressive work is still confined to the north of the present main shaft, where two drives are being run in at the 600ft and 700ft levels, and a winze in the latter level, which is being sunk in good ore.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (col.), 63s, 62s 3d, 62s 6d, b 62s 3d, s 62s 6d; ditto (London), 62s 6d, 62s 9d, 62s 3d; Associated Northern Blocks (col.), 23s 9d; 23s 10½d, b 23s 9d, s 24s; Cumberland, 7s 1d, 6s 9d, b 6s 9d, s 6s 10d; Great Boulder, 27s 4½d, b 27s 3d, s 27s 4½d; Great Boulder Perseverance (col), b 23s 10½d, s 24s 1½d; Hainault, b 16s, s 16s 6d; Ivanhoe (col.), b £8 11s, s £8 13s; Lake View Consols (col), b 26s, s 26s 6d; North Kalgurli (London), 5s 2d; ditto (col.), 5s 1d, 5s, 5s 1d, b 5s, s 5s 2d; North Boulder, 2s, b 1s 9d, s 1s 11d; Oroya Brown Hill (col.), 68s 6d, 69s, 68s 6d, b 68s 6d, s 68s 9d; Princess Royal, paid, 18s 3d, 19s 3d, b 19s 3d, s 19s 6d; ditto, contg, 15s 9d, 15s 7½d, 16s 10½d, b 16s 10½d, s 17s 3d; Queensland Menzies, 7s 11d, 8s, b 8s, s 8s 2d; South Kalgurli (col.), 34s 6d, 33s 9d, b 33s 6d, s 34s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s 4½d, 35s, b 34s 10½d, s 35s; British Broken Hill (old), b 9s 6d, s 9s 10d; ditto (new), 6s 4d, 6s 5d, 6s 4d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 5d; Broken Hill Block 10, 34s 9d, b 34s 6d, s 35s; Broken Hill Junction, 3s 4½d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 4½d; Broken Hill North, 11s 10½d, b 11s 9d, s 12s; Broken Hill South, paid, 29s 9d, b 29s 9d, s 30s; ditto, contg, 21s 9d, 21s 10½d, 21s 6d, b 21s 6d, s 21s 9d; Junction North, 2s 11d, b 2s 10d, s 2s 11d; Victoria Broken Hill, 10d, 9½d; Mount Lyell, b 17s 6d, s 18s 3d; Wallaroo, b 19s 7½d, s 20s 6d; Glenloth Options, b 55s, s 60s; Stannary Hills, 2s, b 2s, s 2s 9½d; Winnecke's Reward, 15s, b 17s 6d; Winnecke's Junction, 7s 6d, b 5s, s 10s.

BENDIGO, Tuesday.

The following sales were reported on the Exchange to-day:—Clarence, 45s 6d, 43s 6d; Hustler's Reef, 25s 9d, 25s 6d, 25s 9d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 21s; South New Moon, £9; Ulster, 38s; Unity, 13s 3d.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, 11½d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 16s 3d, 16s 6d; South Glanmire and Monkland Tribute, 8d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 75s 6d; North Oriental and Glanmire, 1s 2d; Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, 9s; Queen Cross Reef, 45s 6d; Queensland Menzies, 8s 3d.

Quotations were:—Brisbane Chillagoe, s 8d; Smith's Creek, s 1s 1d; Stannary Hills, s 2s 1d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Tuesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Brilliant Extended, 11s 9d; Kelly's Queen Block, 2s to 1s 10d; Kulamadau, 1s 9d; Mills' United Gold-mining, 4s 6d; New Irish Girl, 1s 4d; Queen Central Block, 4s 6d; Ruby United, 2s 10d; Victoria and Queen, 4s 2d.

Quotations were:—Bonnie Dundee, b 3s 3d; Brilliant Central, b 60s, s 64s; Brilliant Block, b 10s 6d; ditto, paid, b 11s 9d, s 12s 9d; Brilliant St. George, b 24s; ditto, paid, b 27s 6d; Brilliant Extended, b 7s; ditto, paid, b 11s 4d; Clark's B. W. and Victory, b 10d, s 11½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d; Craven's Caledonia, b 8½d, s 11d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 5s 9d, s 6s 6d; Grant and Sunset, b 7d; ditto, paid, b 2s, s 2s 3d; Grand Junction, b 2s, s 2s 4d; Imperial, b 9d, s 10d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; ditto, paid, b 3s, s 3s 1d; Kulamadau, b 1s 8½d, s 1s 9½d; ditto, paid, b 2s 6d, s 3s; London, s 4s; ditto, paid b 4s 3d, s 5s; London North, s 11d; ditto, paid, s 3s; Marshall's Queen b 6s 11d, s 7s 1d; ditto, paid, b 7s 9d, s 8s 2d; Mills' United Gold-mining, b 4s 3d; New Irish Girl, b 1s 4d, s 1s 5d; ditto, paid, b 2s 6d; New Queen, b 5s 8d, s 5s 9d; Papuan, b 5s 1d, s 5s 3d; Phoebe, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; ditto, paid, b 3s 6d s 4s; Queen Cross Reef, b 45s, s 46s; Queen Cross Extended, b 8d, s 9d; Queen Central, b 14s; ditto, paid, b 15s, s 15s 9d; Queen Central Block, b 4s 5d, s 4s 6d; Ruby, b 3s 3d, s 3s 10d; ditto paid, b 3s 9d; Ruby United, b 2s 9d, s 2s 11d; ditto, paid, b 3s 2d, s 3s 4d; Ruby Macdonald, b 8d; Ruby South, b 4d, s 6d; Vesuvius, b 7s; Victoria and Queen, b 4s, s 4s 2d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, s 1s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 9d; Victoria, b 11d, s 1s 1d; Victory, b 3s, s 3s 5d.

GYMPIE, Tuesday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 5 North Phoenix, 10d; No. 3 North Phoenix Tribute, 1d.

Quotations were:—No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, b 7d, s 1s; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 16s 9d, s 19s; South Glanmire and Monkland Tribute, b 7½d, s 8½d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 9d, s 1s; No. 1 North Home Rule, b 6d, s 7½d; North Oriental and Glanmire, b 1s 0½d, s 1s 3d; Oriental Extended, b 9d, s 1s 1d; East Oriental and Glanmire, paid, b 2s 9d, s 3s 3d; ditto, contg, b 1s 4d, s 1s 7d; Oriental Consols, b 2s 6d, s 3s; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 1s 4d, s 1s 10d; No. 5 North Phoenix, b 9d, s 10d; No. 6 North Phoenix, b 6d, s 8d; Smithfield and P. Golden Pile, b 8s 8d, s 10s 1d; North Smithfield, b 4s 4½d, s 4s 6d; No. 1 North Smithfield, b 17s 9d, s 19s 9d.

QUEENSLAND MINERAL RETURNS.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Mines Department issued a return to-day showing that the value of the minerals, other than gold, coal, and precious stones, won during the quarter ended March, was £136,508, being a decrease of £3479, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. The following are the particulars of the items:—Lode tin, 489 tons 13cwt 2 qrs, value £31,453; alluvial tin, 356 tons 10cwt 3qrs, value £26,799; lead, 703 tons 17cwt, value £8365; manganese, 148 tons, value £592; wolfram, 84 tons 10cwt, value £5754; molybdenite, 4cwt, value £20; bismuth, 9cwt, value £130; bismuth and wolfram, 2 tons 4cwt, value £174; copper, 834 tons 4wt, value £47,792; silver, 143,785oz, value £15,426.

DEVELOPMENTS AT CROYDON.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

A telegram from Croydon states that there is considerable excitement there owing to a favourable development at Murray's Block. It is reported that shares changed hands at high rates. The development has given an impetus to mining in the far southern end of the Golden Gate.

NEW CHILLOGOE COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The New Chillagoe Co. report for the week as follows:—Penzance: Stoping ore; good progress is being made with the extension of the 250ft crosscut. Zillmanton: Good progress is being made in repairing and cleaning 100ft level; 160ft to 250ft winze, sinking is making fair progress; extending 250ft new east drive; 250ft stopes producing sulphides. Ruddygore: Producing picked ore. Titree: Producing oxidised ore. The present faces are showing marked improvement. Hobson: Producing cupriferous ironstone. Hensey: Producing argentiferous copper lead ore. Mount Garnet: Potter shaft, 80ft level, started north drive; 150ft, extending crosscut in ore. Main shaft, 80ft workings; producing sulphide ore; started two drives southwards. Open cut: Producing oxidised and sulphide ores; shaft producing oxidised ore at 100ft level.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange on Monday were received in Sydney yesterday:—Associated, 65s (m); Associated Northern Blocks, 24s 4½d (b); Oroya Brown Hill, 68s 9d (m); Kalgurli, £5 11s 3d (b); South Kalgurli, 34s 4½d (b); Golden Link, 6s (m); Great Boulder Perseverance, 23s 9d (m); Mount Lyell, 18s (m).

REPORTS.

The manager of the Smith's Creek Proprietary Tin Mines reports under date of April 23:—"Sunk winze on new discovery; ore cut off by slide 4ft below level; will stope all available ore."

The manager of the Victoria G. M. Association (Charters Towers) reports for the fortnight ended April 14:—No. 2 level crosscut extended 17ft, total 313ft; a cut has also been taken out on both sides of the crosscut on the lode to form levels to be driven. The quartz on the north-western side 15in thick, south-east side 6in. The stone is white and poor quality. 71ft formation: South-east drive extended 12ft; total 60ft. About 3ft of poor stone in present end.

What is probably a record in church-bell ringing has been established at Staplehurst, Kent, where a peal has been rung by Mr. H. Pope and his seven sons.

A portrait of Mr. Vaniman, the celebrated American photographer, appears in this week's Mail.—Advt.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

FEELING IN THE CITY.

AN ELECTIONEERING SCHEME.

The local government scheme outlined by Mr. Wise at Muswellbrook on Monday night was the subject of some discussion in municipal circles yesterday, but the interest exhibited in the proposed measure was not of so keen a character as the importance of the question admittedly merits. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Year after year a Local Government Bill has been dangled before the eyes of the electors, but the influence of the "roads and bridges" member has always operated to prevent its enactment. Now, on the eve of another general election, we have an elaborate scheme submitted on behalf of the Government, and in some of its features the scheme is regarded in the city as entirely commendable. The opinion was yesterday freely expressed, however, that those portions of the scheme which are likely to prove generally acceptable are the very proposals which have emanated from the present Opposition, and that, in view of the past attitude of the See Ministry in connection with the question of local government, Mr. Wise's deliverance might safely be regarded as having been made simply for electioneering purposes.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. CARRUTHERS.

A CUMBERSOME, BURTHENSOME SCHEME.

STEALING THE LIBERAL PARTY'S CLOTHES.

"I have read Mr. Wise's speech with reference to the local government bill," remarked Mr. J. H. Carruthers, leader of the State Opposition, yesterday. "I expected he would be stealing more of the Liberal party's clothes, but I can tell him that this last steal will do him and his party no good. The scheme of local government proposed to be introduced is just another of those cumbersome and burthensome schemes which have been proposed year after year, and which simply smother all the aspirations of the people for local self-government. It is not the sort of thing the people want; it is inelastic and overweighted in every direction with machinery and matters of administration. It is easy for Mr. Wise to talk about the franchise for local government, but I am sure he can never have considered the question seriously. The extended franchise may be best for municipal government, but to talk about it in regard to mere questions of roads and bridges in the country is an absurdity. What the country wants and what it never will get from this Government—is a simple measure of local self-government which will adapt itself to the growing requirements of a locality by reason of the elasticity of the measure itself. I don't feel inclined to say any more on the question at present. It is not my business to provide ideas for the Government; but I would say, in conclusion, that if I cannot provide an infinitely better local government bill than Mr. Wise offers I will undertake to eat my political hat."

"Have you anything to say respecting the Greater Sydney proposals?" Mr. Carruthers was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "I will simply say this: Mr. Wise does not understand the feeling of the bulk of the people in the suburbs of Sydney. They are not prepared to go in for centralisation to any large extent. I am satisfied that Mr. Wise's Greater Sydney proposal is one which the more it is considered the less it will be liked. Let him start the business about the suburbs by getting into close quarters, and he will then see the opposition that exists. What we really require is that several of the boards now existing in the city, such as the Water and Sewerage Board, the Fire Brigades' Board, and so on, shall be placed under one central government. But this proposal by Mr. Wise is a big idea with big words—'Greater Sydney.'"

Questioned with reference to the taxation proposals embodied in the scheme, Mr. Carruthers said:—"Mr. Wise speaks of the basis of land value taxation. I would like to point out that the platform of our party dealt with that question long ago, as a glance at our conference resolutions will show. The Liberal and Reform Party's manifesto, issued in April, 1903, includes the following as the seventh plank of its general platform":—

Local and Municipal Government:—

(a) A Municipal Act specially framed for the self-government of towns and cities.

(b) A simple form of local government adapted to the requirements of settled country districts. Fixed endowment to municipalities and local government areas according to the land tax locally derived and the road expenditure hitherto controlled by the Public Works Department.

(c) The Western Division and other similar sparsely settled and arid districts to be specially dealt with in view of their condition and situation.

"Then, at our conference in August last," proceeded Mr. Carruthers, "the following resolution was adopted":—

1. That a Local Government Act should be simple, elastic, and expansive in its provisions, so that districts can begin the work of local self-government in an economic and simple way, gradually assuming larger powers and responsibilities as their growth and circumstances warrant.

2. That the primary revenues of local governing bodies shall be: (a) A fixed subsidy for 21 years based on the present annual road vote and the present land tax collected in the district; (b) That the basis of any further revenue required shall be on the unimproved values of land.

"Mr. Wise is imitating," said Mr. Carruthers in conclusion, "and as we all know imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but the imitation is one that I cannot advise the Liberal party to accept when we have a much better model to work on."

THE LABOUR VIEW.

UNIMPROVED LAND VALUE TAXATION.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. T. THROWER.

Interviewed last night in reference to the measure of local government forecasted by Mr. Wise in his speech at Muswellbrook on Monday night, Mr. Thomas Thrower, secretary of the Sydney Labour Council, said the only new thing contained in the address, and one of the best proposals, was that relating to the taxation of the unimproved value of land for municipal rating purposes. It was one of the planks of the Labour platform. The fact that industry was not to be penalised in the proposed new measure was gratifying. Mr. Wise's ideas of the necessity of educating the people up to the proposed change, however, were rather late in the day, as no less than 43 of the present municipalities had decided in favour of the system of taxing the unimproved value of land. There would, he thought, be considerable objection to any provision making it optional for the city to adopt the new system as against compulsion in the country. The system of raising revenue by the taxation of the unimproved value of the land was the most equitable, and would not be a tax upon industry. It must, however, be made uniform, and not optional. There were large blocks of land around the city, which, under the present system, practically escaped taxation, while men who were of an enterprising nature were heavily burdened.

Any system, said Mr. Thrower, that would provide for the concentration of municipal government, with greater powers, would be acceptable to the labour section.

In regard to the proposal for the holding of a Greater Sydney Convention, Mr. Thrower was of the opinion that it should be elected on the popular franchise, and not by the councils. The city should be cut up into groups, and representatives should be elected by the adult vote. Municipal government not only affected the property owner, but concerned the whole of the citizens.

MR. M'GOWEN SILENT.

The leader of the Labour party was asked last evening if he had anything to say in respect to the speech of Mr. Wise at Muswellbrook. Mr. M'Gowen replied that there was nothing new in the speech. It was all ancient history. The question of a land tax on unimproved values and other proposals dealt with by Mr. Wise had all been incorporated by the House in the bill which was introduced by the Premier some time ago. He therefore had nothing to say on the subject.

MR. DACEY OPPOSES A CONVENTION.

Mr. J. R. Dacey, M.L.A., one of the members of the Labour party, upon being spoken to on the subject of Mr. Wise's proposals for local government, said they were largely on the lines of the Labour party's platform. The proposal to elect a convention to frame a scheme of local government had, in his opinion nothing to recommend it. Three-fourths of the Parliament had had municipal experience, and the members were quite capable of dealing with that subject, in fact more so than any other class of legislation; and it was because members knew so much about the matter, and each had his own opinion and his own pet ideas, that it had become almost impossible to get a bill through. But a convention would make matters worse, in fact any such methods would be a waste of time and money, and wholly unnecessary. A convention would be sure to be largely composed of members of Parliament, and the matter would have to be gone all over again in the House. He was also opposed to the fixing of any maximum limit to the amount of the rate which the councils could strike. If the residents of any district wished to levy a rate of 2s 6d in the £, why should Parliament deny them the right to do so? Surely the people of each locality might be allowed to do what they liked with their own money. The amount of the rates to be levied might be fixed by a plebiscite vote of the ratepayers, and no loans should be entered upon by the council without first getting the people's consent. The proposal to tax Crown lands would require careful consideration, as it might lead to abuse. It would be better to grant so much for every £ spent by the local people in front of Crown property. He was disappointed at no mention of a wheel tax, especially with regard to the metropolitan district where the central Government has heavy expenses in regulating traffic. Another matter was the absence of any provision for regulating the widths of tires throughout the State. This largely affects the question of the maintenance of roads. The question of a Greater Sydney, mentioned by Mr. Wise, should not in any way be mixed up in a bill providing for local government. He had been chairman of a select committee which took a large quantity of evidence on the subject without coming to a definite conclusion, and at the present moment he was not prepared to express an opinion on the point. He was afraid linking the Greater Sydney scheme with a local government bill would cause great delay in carrying it out. It would be far better for the Government to pass a local government bill for the whole State, and let the other question alone.

"Would you allow the suburban boroughs to remain as they are?" Mr. Dacey was asked.

"No; certainly not," was the reply. "I would largely increase the smaller boroughs. By doing so a great saving would be affected, and more efficiency in working would be gained."

MR. ASHTON'S VIEWS.

Mr. J. Ashton, M.L.A., when seen last night, said:—"The first thought that occurs to one when he is asked his opinion of a local government scheme, especially just before a general election, is whether business is really meant. In this particular instance that thought obtrudes itself with irresistible force. The bill, if I mistake not, has been ready for a very long time—years, not months—but it makes its appearance only when it has become to the Government's interest to divert the minds of the public from the Ministry's record of shame and disaster by a plentiful promise of future performance. In the circumstances I have no intention whatever of discussing in detail the bill as outlined by the Acting Premier, beyond saying that the proposal to divide the State into four parts—Greater Sydney, municipalities, shires, and the Western division—is the only common-sense method of proceeding, in my judgment, and fully justifies the objection taken by Mr. Carruthers to the Municipalities Bill, which Mr. Wise's Government flung before the present Parliament in the early stages of its existence, and then admitted their incapacity to proceed with it. The provision for rating lands on their unimproved basis is indisputably correct, and may be regarded as one of the remaining ties between Mr. Wise and the economical school of politicians with whom he at one time was associated. The appropriation of land tax revenues for local government purposes the Opposition cannot possibly object to, for the simple reason that, if I mistake not, they themselves proposed it. A criticism of the details of the promised bill would be idle at the present time.

"Mr. Wise observes:—'People often talk with more vehemence than knowledge of the domination of the Labour party, but no domination could be more degrading to a Ministry or demoralising to a country than the domination of the roads and bridges member.' This involves what I think the logician calls a cross. It places 'Labour member' in one class and 'roads and bridges' members in another. But Labour members are among the most pertinacious and pressing of roads and bridges members. As to the degradation this Government is subjected to at the hands of the roads and bridges members referred to by Mr. Wise, no one should be able to speak more authoritatively than the See Government. They have as it were, however, not hesitated to apply 'a hair of the dog that bit them,' as witness the works carried out by Mr. O'Sullivan in his own electorate, and Mr. Kidd's recent proud boast as to the amount the Government had spent in his electorate. The public must not forget this above all things: that if there is a more urgent need now than ever before for 'administrative economy,' it is on account of the reckless extravagance of the present Government; and if a purification of Parliamentary life is called for in the form of the extermination of the roads and bridges member, it is because the distribution of public favours through members of Parliament reached its highest point during the present regime.

"Mr. Wise says that if he intended to rely on Parliament alone, he would despair of ever passing such a measure as the one outlined into law. What is his proposal? The Government frames a bill. A convention is then called together to consider the bill. The convention consists of a representative from each municipality—nearly 200 in number—a representative from each branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, and representatives from the progress associations and pastures and stock protection boards of the State. Such a convention, I should say, would number not less than five or six hundred. After this convention, the Government reconsiders its bill, reserving to itself the right to reject any or all of the convention's conclusions. Then it submits the bill to Parliament. Whatever merits there may be in this procedure, I can hardly see that it is going to shorten the time required for passing a bill into law. At first blush it looks like another device for making the passage of a Local Government Bill even more thorny than has been in the past."

A SUBURBAN ALDERMAN.

Mr. I. R. Cohen, alderman of Annandale, who has taken a great interest in the Greater Sydney movement, is of opinion that a Local Government Bill, on the lines indicated by Mr. Wise, would be received with considerable favour, but is satisfied that the aim of the Government is that the matter shall be indefinitely shelved. The whole thing is, in Mr. Cohen's opinion, a very splendid way not of "trusting the people," but of fooling the people.

MR. WISE'S SPEECH ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The speech of the Acting Premier on local government is further evidence of the necessity which exists for the early passage of this reform measure. Mr. Wise lightly passes over the fact that for four years his party, assisted by the Labour party, has neglected its opportunities to pass this bill. Every argument which he has used was just as forcible four years ago. The failure of the Government in this matter seriously discounts its anxiety to do the right thing now. The speech, however, is one which merits the careful consideration of all reformers. I would like to refer to several points. Mr. Wise favours adult suffrage. It is a reasonable and up-to-date proposal to recognise the manhood and womanhood of a district rather than what they may happen to possess. While a wide franchise is essential, I think steps should be taken to have a common citizens' franchise for all electoral purposes. There is endless confusion and inconvenience caused by separate rolls for Federal, State, and municipal elections. Many blame the apathy of voters for not voting, but reasonable effort has not been made to enable the elector to vote. While the Local Government Bill is in preparation I would suggest that the idea of adopting one common roll for all elections should receive careful consideration.

The clear statement of the Acting Premier in favour of imposing rates upon unimproved land values only, is a satisfactory recognition of the progress in favour of an equitable system of local taxation. The provisions which he outlines for raising rates appear to give local authorities ample power to obtain sufficient revenue. The defects of the New Zealand law have not been overlooked. While a maximum of 7½d for general, loan, and special rates is permitted, the majority of municipalities will not require anything like that amount. A much smaller sum upon the unimproved values of their lands will be ample for all requirements.

Mr. Wise proposes to transfer the penny in the pound now levied by the State upon land values to the local authorities to be established in country districts. This is the most debatable point in his proposals. It will receive considerable opposition. That opposition will not proceed from any desire to unfairly burden country landowners, but from a recognition of the fact that they must manfully bear their part in the cost of government. Mr. Wise is anxious not to increase the cost of government to the people on the land. I agree with him in that respect. It is not extra taxation that is wanted, but a readjustment upon a more equitable basis. Presumably he will knock out the £240 exemption, although he does not actually say so. The experience of the tax of one penny upon land values is that valuable estates are under-valued by the assessors. When the State considers the expediency of buying an estate for closer settlement, a competent tribunal like the local land board fixes a higher, and in some cases a much higher, value than that upon which the tax is paid. The second point in reference to this matter is that one penny in the pound has proved insufficient to induce a general cutting up of large estates by the owners. Giving the shires power to impose a penny rate is all right. In order to help producers, however, Mr. Wise could greatly improve his proposals by handing the amount of the present land value tax to the Railway Commissioners, so as to enable them to reduce rates and fares by that sum. That would be a practical way to help all who are using their land to the fullest extent. It would neutralise the weight of the present land value tax. It would also lead to increased traffic on the railways without danger of an increased deficiency in the cost of working them.

While there are many other points worthy of notice, I would like to refer to one more. It is the idea of the Government paying rates on its lands in lieu of a subsidy. It seems a very fair proposal. In some districts the amount of land held by the Crown is small. Why should such districts—and they are usually districts with choice lands—have the same subsidy as a new and struggling district, where half the land belongs to the Crown? If the Crown has to pay rates on its lands to the local authorities, just the same as any other owner, it will be more willing to facilitate their occupation. Many settlers have a very substantial grievance against the Government for its methods in dealing with the lands under its control adjoining their boundaries. This proposal establishes a basis for State contributions, or subsidies, to use the old term, which draws a distinction between the district that really needs financial help and one that does not.

While the proposals of the Acting Premier exhibit a recognition of the needs of the country, and appear to be designed generally upon sound lines, most people will ask themselves, "Can the Government be trusted to carry them out?" Our experience of it, its methods, its legislation, its administration, its principles, or rather lack of them, are all against it. The Government that promises the most usually performs the least—that is as far as the real value of its efforts to the community is concerned. This scheme is a notable response to the claims put forward by the people for reform in our methods of government. I am, &c., A. G. HUIE.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

The steamer Anglian cleared at the Customs to-day for Hobart, via Sydney, with 960 tons of coal, the steamer Clitus, for Singapore, with 3100 tons of bunker coal, and the four-masted American schooner Lyman D. Foster, for San Francisco, with 1180 tons of Hebburn coal.

The barque Glenesk sailed to-day for Pisagua with 2128 tons of Wallsend coal, the steamer Colac, for Townsville, via Wallaroo, with 1450 tons of coal, the Norwegian barque Alf, for Antofogasta, with 1652 tons of Caledonian coal, the barquentine Silver Cloud, for Auckland, with 395 tons of Hetton coal, and the barque Eagle Craig, for Valparaiso, with 2200 tons of Stanford Merthyr coal.

The ship Eskasoni arrived from Sydney to-day to load Co-operative coal for San Diego, the barque Helen Denny to load the same coal for Navau, and the steamer St. Louis from Noumea to load mixed coal in return.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day Olaf Christopherson, aged 32, sailmaker on the Ilmito, was committed for trial for having, it was alleged, on Saturday last, maliciously wounded Peter William Ohmsu, lately a sailor on the same vessel.

Michael Poland, an old man, formerly a seaman, but latterly employed at a city hotel, was found dead in his room this morning. The Coroner, Mr. C. Hibble, held an inquiry, in the course of which the medical evidence showed that death was due to heart failure accelerated by excessive drinking.

A special meeting of the City Council was held for the purpose of considering tenders for the proposed extension of the electric light plant. Proceedings were conducted in committee, and a resolution was carried not to accept any of the tenders. It is expected that the council will consider a new scheme at its next meeting.

The half-yearly assembly of the Baptist Union of New South Wales was initiated at the Tabernacle this evening. The visitors arrived by the midday train, and after luncheon the ministers and delegates were welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman J. Gilbert). They were afterwards driven round the city, and services were held at night at Islington, Lambton, and at the Tabernacle. The business session will be held to-morrow.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

The annual Church of England diocesan festival was held to-night. A short service was held in the Cathedral in the afternoon. The Bishop of Melbourne read the lesson. The Archbishop of Sydney gave an address. Afterwards a public tea in the building known as the Arcade was largely attended.

The annual meeting was held in the Oddfellows' Hall. The Bishop of Goulburn presided. The report showed that the year opened with a credit of £29, and closed with a credit of £160. This balance is attributable to the thanksoffering of £130 given by Mr. B. M. Osborne, of Gundagai parish, and to £75 from the proceeds of the exhibition. Sir Harry Rawson sent a telegram apologising that prior arrangements precluded his attendance. He, however, hoped to preside at the next meeting.

In the course of a speech the Bishop of Melbourne said the organisation of the Church of England in Australia under one great synod preceded that of the Commonwealth. For 1200 years that Church had stimulated national life and set an example of unity and organisation.

FOREIGNERS AS MINERS.

DISMISSED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Tuesday.

In consequence of complaints against the influx of Italians and Austrians to the goldfields of the State Mr. Moreing, of Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co., has announced that in future the mines under his firm's control will not engage men who cannot speak English, and that any such men at present engaged will be dismissed. Yesterday seven Italians who could not understand English were dismissed from the Sons of Gwalia mine at Leonora. Regular miners claim that the fact of foreigners who cannot speak English being engaged in the mines renders working underground extremely risky, as foreigners often misinterpret instructions.

NEW SOUTH WALES ALLIANCE.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

A public demonstration in connection with the New South Wales Alliance was held last evening at Protestant Hall. The function was preceded by a tea meeting, in which a large number participated. Both were a pronounced success. The unsettled weather certainly militated against a very large attendance, but what was lost in numbers was made up for in the enthusiasm displayed by those present. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the galleries were covered with flags.

The Rev. Canon Boyce presided, and among those present on the platform were the Rev. Dr. Clouston, Messrs. C. G. Wade, T. Jessep, R. W. W. M'Coy, J. J. Cohen, Ms.L.A., Hon. W. Robson, M.L.C., Mr. W. Winn, president of the Newcastle branch, Revs. E. Price, J. Buchan, M.A., G. T. Walden, and Mr. Wheatley, president of the Goulburn branch.

Addresses on the temperance question were delivered, and these were interspersed with musical items. Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Buchanan. A duet was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Lane, and the former also sang a solo.

Canon Boyce said the twenty-first annual convention of the Alliance had been inaugurated by a Temperance Sunday, which, he thought, had never been equalled. The names of no less than 70 churches that had observed the day had been sent in, and he believed that scores of others had joined. The business meeting of the Alliance on Monday showed that all debts had been cleared off, and that the income had been increased threefold during the year. The conference of delegates on Monday night was probably the largest ever held, and showed a good fighting spirit. He could state that the friends of reform were thoroughly united in their platform, and that the Alliance was attached to no political party, but, with its friends, formed one of the extremities. Remembering the thousands of convictions for drunkenness yearly, the thousands of criminals through drink, the contingent cost of the many gaols, and the wrecked homes, this question was worthy of the first place in the heart of every man and woman in the State. (Hear, hear.) Their object was purely democratic, and it was misleading to call it a total abstinence platform. They asked that the people themselves, by voting, should control the issue and renewal of all licenses. The electors were as intelligent and patriotic as those in Canada and New Zealand, and why withhold from them the same powers possessed by the people of those countries? Those who talked of fining the people to pay compensation had been very silent for some time. They knew that the liquor traffic here was almost wholly not a publican's, but a brewer's, business. The days had passed for flippant talk in favour of compensation. It was the duty of their opponents to give substantial reasons if they could. There was no legal claim whatever. Publicans were mostly better than their business. (Hear, hear.) But they were standing between the growth of temperance principles on the one hand, and the brewers—their masters—on the other, and they must feel the financial stress very hard. It was high time that thorough reform came. The Alliance intended to fight for local and State option at the elections, and they were going to win. (Applause.) The best and noblest interests of the State were with them. There had been the slow but sure progress of their cause to encourage them. Let them rally to their guns and go forward. With faithfulness, energy, and self-sacrifice they would win the great democratic principle they wanted. (Loud applause.)

Mr. C. G. Wade, M.L.A., said the temperance problem impressed him as being one of most pressing importance. His experience had told him the anguish brought about by drink. Eighty-five per cent. of the cases that came before the Court were in most instances due to the demon "drink." They must take some steps to check this growing evil. He did not believe in undue legislation on any subject, because they could not make people moral by Act of Parliament. But they must have some kind of safeguard in the way of legislation. He was not a rabid prohibitionist, but a local optionist, and believed in the platform put forward by the New South Wales Alliance. There was no doubt that the extension of the franchise to women would prove an enormous strength in carrying out the great crusade against drink.

Mr. T. Jessep, M.L.A., stated that in connection with the coming political crisis the Alliance had provided its policy, and it would not adhere to any party. He had advocated the principle from time to time because he believed if ever an organisation had been humbugged in past years it was the temperance party. He sincerely trusted that that party would be solidified in the House when the resolution dealing with the liquor traffic came before it.

An address was also delivered by Mr. Albert Bruntnell, one of the organisers of the Alliance. He had recently been through New South Wales, and had not heard one dissentient voice when speaking on the subject. They wanted a bill placed on the statute book which would give people power to rid themselves of an evil if they so believed it to be. They wished the three following issues to be placed in the bill:—A continuance, a reduction, or abolition of licenses.

Mr. W. Winn, president of the Newcastle branch, also spoke on the liquor question.

Mr. M'Coy, M.L.A., sincerely hoped that the earnest wishes of the Alliance would shortly be given effect to. He moved a vote of thanks to Canon Boyce and those who had assisted in the programme.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., who advocated local option with an equitable time allowance.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

HOME AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

THE FALLING GOVERNMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 25.

The Government are still in a parlous condition, and it is admitted by their own supporters that they are liable to be overthrown at any moment. Twice within the last few days they have narrowly escaped fresh defeats on minor questions. By dint of hard whipping and every form of pressure applied to their followers, they succeeded in defeating the motion of censure in regard to Chinese labour by 57—not much more than half their normal majority. But the course of the debate was altogether unfavourable to them, and from the colonial point of view it is amusing to note some of the straits to which their apologists inside and outside Parliament are reduced.

Outside Parliament, especially, great capital has been made of supposed colonial sentiment in favour of preferential tariffs and the taxation of food intended for consumption in the mother country. Here in the centres of political life the real facts of the case are very much better understood than they were at first, but away in the provinces, outside the biggest towns, it is still possible to make fine play with judicious extracts from the speeches of colonial statesmen, and with the "officious" resolutions which reached us when Mr. Chamberlain first thought that the iron was hot enough to strike. But it does not need the ingenuity even of a Scotch heckler to put an aspiring candidate in a dilemma by asking him why, if he attaches such overwhelming importance to colonial opinion on the fiscal question, he is content to ignore the same opinion on Chinese labour, although this is a matter that the colonies certainly know much more about than the mother country. This is a question which is being put with very considerable effect.

A dramatic episode in the present controversy is the resignation by Major Seely of his seat in the House of Commons. Major Seely was returned to Parliament as a stout Conservative, and a supporter of the Government on all the points of the programme on which they went to the country at the last election. But, like many others, he has deserted them on the fiscal question and the Chinese labour question, with the result that on his last attempting to address the House he was howled down by the protectionists on the Ministerial benches. He promptly accepted battle, has resigned his seat, and will stand again as a freetrader and an "anti-Chinee." If he win the seat his success will obviously be a fresh nail in the coffin of the Government.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF ADVERTISING.

The manufacturers' section of the London Chamber of Commerce recently passed resolutions in regard to the action of Canada, India, and the Commonwealth of Australia in levying a duty on trade catalogues and price-lists sent by British firms into these countries. The section has lent to the Agents-General and other representatives in London copies of the resolutions. The first declares that in the interest of trade within the Empire, advertising matter in the form of trade catalogues or circulars should be admitted free of duty, when sent in single copies to an address in the colonies. The second records it as the opinion of the section that general free admission would be of mutual benefit to trade within the Empire, and assist in its development; and that it would result in a larger revenue being obtained from such increase of trade, which would fully compensate the various colonial Governments for any loss of revenue in the remission of the duty as suggested. The chief points of grievance are these:—1. That the colonial Governments have not made any arrangements whereby it would be possible for British firms to prepay the duty on this side. 2. That when any circulars reach the colonies they are stopped by the Customs, and a note is sent to the firm interested that so many of their trade circulars have been detained, and will be delivered on payment of the duty. This course is, it is urged, very detrimental to business, and causes serious expense to British firms, as detention means the loss of the season or market. It is the hope of the section that the colonial and other representatives in London will be able to move their respective Governments to decide on the abolition of the duties, or on the provision for payment on this side so as to obviate detention.

The society which has been formed here for the suppression of the abuses of public advertising—and in all conscience they are gross enough, both in London and in the country—are finding excellent material for the advocacy of their cause in recent New Zealand legislation. The Municipal Corporation Amendment Act, the Police Offences Amendment Act, and the Scenery Preservation Act of last year, are all quoted with natural satisfaction. The secretary of the society points jubilantly to the example, because the people who have sought to put down the hideous hoardings and other advertising monstrosities which disgrace the streets of our large towns, and too often picturesque stretches of our scenery, have been denounced as behind the times, and as indolent sentimentalists, with no eye to the exigencies of business. But if a go-ahead colony like New Zealand can afford such restrictions in the interests of natural and architectural beauty, we in the old country, it is argued, may fairly attempt something of the same sort without being regarded as out of date. Similar steps are being taken in Germany and the United States, and there is very little doubt, from certain sympathetic answers which have been given in Parliament, that the movement is gaining adherence in official quarters in this country. The great question, of course, is how to meet aesthetic requirements, without interfering with legitimate enterprise.

COTTON IN THE EMPIRE.

I referred recently to Lady Lugard's views as to the prospects of cotton growing in Northern Nigeria. The wider question of the prospects of cotton cultivation in the British Empire as a whole was raised in the course of an interesting paper read by Mr. Alfred Emmott, M.P., on Tuesday evening, before the colonial section of the Society of Arts. The experiments undertaken in Australia naturally made the lecture an attractive one to Australians in London, and there were a number of them in the audience, including several of the Agents-General. Mr. Emmott took the line that the question of increased supply was of importance to the whole world, but of more vital importance to Great Britain than to any other country. Our troubles, he said, had arisen from unbridled speculation, and the best remedy for them was "to smother the speculators in cotton." We had in the British Empire, he held, almost endless territory suitable for its growth. Quite as interesting as the lecture itself—having regard to the present influence and probable future position of the speaker—was the speech made after the reading of the paper by Sir Edward Grey. He, too, held that the urgency of adding to the sources of supply could not be overrated, and that we ought to do our best to see that these sources were found within the limits of the British Empire. The hope is generally expressed here that the discussion of the subject will arouse the industries chiefly concerned, not only to the dangers of the situation, but to the strong advisability of vigorously backing up any enterprise which seems likely to give cotton-growing within the Empire a fair chance.

THE A1 DISASTER.

Since it seems highly probable that submarines are destined to play an important part in the defence of our coasts it may be interesting to put on record the fact that the slight panic caused by the terrible accident to the "A1," which was run down by a South African liner, has already quite passed away, even at Portsmouth, where the depression was naturally most intense. For a moment it did seem as if a new horror had been added to the perils of naval warfare and warlike preparations, by the fact that a body of devoted men should be sent to the bottom of the sea in a "steel tomb," without even that last desperate chance of striking out for personal safety which at least is left in nearly all other imaginable circumstances. But the British sailor never showed the least concern himself in the matter, whatever may have been felt by his friends and fellow-countrymen. Such perils, new or old, are all in the day's work for Jack Tar, and Admiral Sir John Fisher, knowing this feeling, took exactly the right course to calm the public mind off hand. He issued a calmly worded order that the submarine flotilla "will resume their exercises," while as to the calamity itself he signalled, "practically our gallant comrades died in action. Their lives are not thrown away if we consider their splendid example of cheerful and enthusiastic performance of a duty involving all the risks of war." This had the right effect even with those who were nearest and dearest to the men whose lives were sacrificed. To grief and pain succeeded a sense of pride, and now a correspondent writes to me that you might think, from the talk at Portsmouth, that the submarine service was the most attractive branch of work which can be undertaken in the navy.

STATE ELECTIONS.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

At a meeting of the organising committee of the Liberal and Reform Association yesterday afternoon many letters of a most encouraging character were read from various country centres, and a communication from the country organiser, Mr. Bronowski, who had visited Wagga, Murrumburrah, and Young, and intended going on to Cowra, stated that in the districts mentioned there was a strong feeling of sympathy with the objects of the association, and that the prospects of Reform candidates being successful in the forthcoming campaign were excellent.

Messrs. J. H. Carruthers and T. Rose, Ms.L.A., will leave for Bathurst on Thursday, and will address a meeting at Penrith on their way. In their absence the Liberal and Reform Association will be represented by Messrs. Levy and Nobbs, Ms.L.A., at the unemployed conference to be held at the Sydney Town Hall on Friday.

A ballot is being taken by the branches of the Liberal and Reform Association in the Manning electorate to decide who shall stand as the selected candidate. The ballot of the Taree branch resulted as follows:—J. H. Young, 57; R. Cowan, 17; J. De Fraine, 8. The Wallamba ballot will be completed this week.

Messrs. T. Jessep, M.L.A., and T. H. Kelly report that they have held successful meetings at Cowra and Canowindra, and that the prospects of the Reform candidate at Cowra are very bright.

Mr. J. Martin has decided to stand as a candidate for Murrumbidgee, and intends prosecuting a vigorous canvass immediately.

The executive committee of the Liberal and Reform Association will meet on Monday to deal with the Camperdown appeal case.

Mr. Perkins, the Reform candidate for Manaro, reports having made very satisfactory progress in his campaigning work.

Mr. Andrew Stewart, who is a probable candidate for Ashburnham in the Liberal and Reform interest, has received promise of strong support from both mining and agricultural ranks.

Mr. G. S. Littlejohn, president of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, has been strongly urged to contest one of the North Sydney electorates in the Reform cause, but after seriously considering the matter has decided that the claims of business and his official duties will not allow of his doing so.

Mr. Edward Allen, M.L.A., has taken up his residence at Wollongong, and has already entered upon the campaign. He is sanguine of success, and states that his position is becoming stronger every day. Mr. D. Ritchie, the Illawarra miners' general secretary, who was defeated by Mr. Allen at the last election, says that Mr. J. B. Nicholson, the present member for Woronora, is certain to be again the Labour candidate for the new electorate of Wollongong, and that as the mining vote in the district is so strong he will succeed against all-comers.

THE POSITION AT BALMAIN.

THE CANDIDATES OFFERING.

As in many other electorates, there is a plethora of candidates offering for the Balmain—late Balmain North—seat, which is at the present represented by Mr. John Storey, a member of the Labour party. The position, politically, as it presents itself to the onlooker, may be summed up as one requiring the early intervention of the association, so far as the Liberal and Reform interests are concerned. Last year a branch of the association was formed in the division, but, owing to the lack of interest shown by the members, it was allowed to dwindle away, until it ultimately became defunct. As a result, the work of organisation has been sadly neglected.

On the other hand, the Labour bodies have been very active. The local branch of the Political Labour League has met regularly, and not only has it maintained a deal of propaganda work in the electorate but every possible opportunity has been seized upon by which the league membership could be increased, and its influence strengthened.

Mr. Carruthers, leader of the Liberal and Reform Association, visited the electorate on Tuesday night, accompanied by Mr. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A., and the local branch was reformed on a good basis. Several of the old campaigners have re-entered the lists for the coming fight, which, it is generally recognised, will be the most stubborn that has been fought in the marine suburb for many years past.

The branch will meet on May 10 for the selection of a candidate to carry the Reform flag. There promises to be no scarcity of candidates, and amongst those mentioned already are Alderman G. C. Murdoch (who unsuccessfully contested the last election, after Mr. Wilks had been elected to the Federal Legislature), Messrs. Walter Anderson, David H. Easton, and Mr. Jacob Garrard (late president of the Water and Sewerage Board). Mr. Garrard for a number of years represented Balmain, under the old state of things, and it is thought by his friends that he would have the best show in the forthcoming contest. Mr. Angus Mackay, who for years was a member of the Queensland Parliament, has announced his candidature, and has signified his intention of going to the poll against all comers. The name of Mr. W. Cullen-Ward is also mentioned as an aspirant for the confidence of the electors. Mr. Ward polled well at the last election, and his friends are sanguine that, had he secured the selection of the Reform party, he would have won the seat. Mr. J. Storey has been selected by the Labour party to again fight its cause, and has entered upon the campaign with no misgivings as to the result. There may be a great surprise in store for the election, as the female vote cannot be estimated.

AN ARTISTS' UTOPIA.

The peace and quiet of the mediaeval city of Bruges, with its ancient traditions, has appealed to Mr. Gilbert, R.A., as an ideal spot for his long-cherished idea of an artists' Utopia. He has bought up a large building with the grounds surrounding, and started a school of art. Mrs. Gilbert, who has returned to England from Bruges, is much impressed with her son's scheme.

"Bruges was chosen, first because it is a beautiful city for the artist, and, secondly, because living is cheap there, and those who take up art are as a rule limited in means. Then it is within easy reach of all the great capitals of Europe, and of England, and is thus a good centre for the excursions for study purposes so necessary to an artist.

"My son is at present engaged upon a sculpture of a large 'winged Victory' for Leicester, in memory of the Leicestershire soldiers who fell in the Boer war. He always works before his students, and personally overlooks their studies.

"He is arranging quite a Utopian scheme of competition amongst them. Each student will work unaided on at least one special subject. The best will then be chosen and sent to London for exhibition, and the prize, which will be money, will be put into a fund to help needy but promising young artists in their career."

Both male and female students will be accommodated in separate residential buildings, but with common studios and clubs and musical societies have been formed for evening recreation.

The course of study includes painting, etching, engraving, modelling, sculpture, etc, and the students will assist Mr. Gilbert in his own work.

"The settlement occupies about five acres of ground, and is just outside the gates of Bruges. There is no other place like it. It is quite unique."

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

HARDIE and GORMAN.—At the Rooms, at 11.30 Houses and Land and Civil Service Co-operative Share.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Glenora, Edgecliff-road, Woollahra, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, Pianoforte, etc.

S. DAVIS.—At 67 Castlereagh-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Linoleum, Gas Stove, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Drapery, Hosiery, Blankets, Rugs, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At the Rooms, at 11, Groceries, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, etc; at 3, Jewellery, etc; on the Premises, Bestic and Farr streets, Rockdale, at 2.30, Groceries, Haberdashery, Furniture.

BARNARD and CO.—At Bridge-street, Erskineville, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Linoleums, E. P. Ware, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, Fancy Goods, etc.

J. HANSON and CO.—At Ophir, North Steyne, Manly, at 11, Furniture, etc.

J. T. JONES.—At 36 Pearl-street, Newtown, at 11, Furniture, Clothing, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 692 Harris-street, Ultimo, at 11, Furniture, etc.

BATCHELOR and CO.—At 2 Steele-street, at 10, Furniture.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazar, at 11 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 9.30, Marsupial and Opossum Skins; at the Stores of Harrison, Jones, and Devlin and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., at 11, Leather.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO.—At the Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 9.30, Marsupial and Opossum Skins.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At Valentine-street, at 1.30, Purebred Poultry.

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. J. M'INTYRE and CO.—At the Rooms, Junction-street, North Sydney, at 11, Choice Trees, Plants, Shrubs, etc.

THE DECLINE OF THE BIRTHRATE.

A DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIAN WOMANHOOD.

BY A. O. POWYS.

In 1899 much alarm was created by the publication of a pamphlet on the decline of the birthrate by Mr. Coghlan, the New South Wales Statistician. In this we were informed (page 7), "The marriages of a generation ago produced an average of 5.31 children. To women of British or Irish birth the number to a family was 5.6; to Australian women the average was only 4.7. The number for all classes has now fallen to 4 children per marriage, the reduction affecting both the native born and women of British birth—but more largely the former; and although the facts are not absolutely conclusive, it would appear that the families of women of Australian birth do not now on an average exceed 3.5. Further, on page 20 we find the average families of women, according to their place of birth, were as follow:—

Birthplace.	Children to each mother.
Australasia	4.73
England and Wales	5.50
Scotland	5.71
Ireland	5.68
European Countries	5.15

This was followed by the ipse dixit, "There can be no doubt that Australian-born women have not had in the past as many children as women of European birth. . . . The averages relate to women who married a generation ago . . . and so far as those of Australasian birth are concerned the number of children set down above is altogether too high, and there appears to be sufficient warrant for the assumption that their offspring do not on an average number as many as four—probably not more than 3.5." Shortly after the publication of these alarming (and, as we shall subsequently see, groundless) statements—statements which have since caused incalculable damage to Commonwealth and State finances—I wrote to this journal pointing out that the Statistician's method of ascertaining these averages referred to, whilst possessing the virtues of extreme simplicity and plausibility, yet lacked the essential virtue of accuracy, or even approximate accuracy. Of course, seeing the averages carried out to the second decimal place, we might imagine that these were the results of some deep mathematical process assuring accuracy to that extent, or perhaps it was assumed that the results should be unchallenged on the principle that

> We should never, never doubt
> What no one knows a thing about.

In the letter to this journal, I pointed out that no indication was given in the pamphlet how these averages were obtained, but I found that by dividing for each birthplace the number of married women dying into the number of children born to them, I could reproduce Coghlan's figures. However plausible this method may be, it is utterly unworthy of a scientific investigator. The results obtained fall short of the truth in the case of the native born, and exceed it in the case of the others. It will also be noticed that the averages are said to be of those women who married a generation ago. This is absolutely incorrect. It is the average of all married women dying, whether the duration of such marriage was one day or 50 years. But the error in the method adopted lay in the fact that the deaths of women of European or British birth were principally of those who had passed or nearly passed the reproductive period, whilst those of Australian birth were principally young women who necessarily had been unable to complete their families. Notwithstanding what we are told in the first pamphlet, "there can be no doubt that Australian-born women have not had in the past as many children as women of European birth, etc., etc.," we meet with a complete reversal of opinion in the second pamphlet, where on page 40 Coghlan writes, after exhibiting a table to support his contention: "Women of Australian birth show somewhat greater fertility than non-Australian," but qualifying thus: "It must be remembered that these figures denote a past experience, somewhat higher, perhaps, than that of 1871-80, and corresponding fairly closely with that of all marriages contracted prior to 1880. They may be taken as illustrating the natural fertility of women of the races named, unimpaired by resort to any form of artificial restriction." Thus we learn that as the results of marriages contracted prior to 1880 the New South Wales women were more fecund than all other nationalities, and that this state of things continued till restriction was resorted to. Then Coghlan continues: "The present fertility of these women is a very different matter." And a further investigation is simply the apotheosis of the Irish woman. "The women of Irish birth show no great diminution of fertility now as compared with former years; amongst all other classes of women there has been a considerable decline. As late as 1880 Irishwomen did not show a rate of fertility in excess of the rest of the community; but now, except as the end of the child-bearing period approaches, their fertility shows conspicuously above the average of all other women. As the decline in number of children born may in a large degree be attributed to the use of preventive measures, Irishwomen must as a class be acquitted of this practice." (Page 41.) Again: "Another factor tending towards a decrease in the proportion of births is the decline in the Irish element of the population. It will have been seen in the chapter dealing with the subject that amongst mothers of Irish birth the number of children to a marriage has remained much the same as formerly, whilst amongst all other women there has been a great decline. Wherever women of Irish birth are numerous the birth-rate has been higher than elsewhere, but as the proportion of Irish women is decreasing, this element in the maintenance of the birth-rate will presently disappear." (Page 69.) Now let us see what are the true facts of the matter. Fortunately, we are placed in a position to compare the New South Wales woman and the Irish woman, and indeed the women of many other birthplaces who were living in New South Wales at the time of the census in 1901. Coghlan, strangely enough, supplies the figures in his part "Conjugal Condition" of the census, and surely must have known that the last quotation is misleading. The table referred to is here given:—

Age of Wife.	New South Wales.	Other Aust. States.	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Germany.	All Wives.
	Average Number of Children to Each Wife Born in						
Under 20	.65	.60	.61	.55	—	.67	.64
20 and under 25	1.26	1.10	1.17	1.24	1.11	1.10	1.23
25 and under 30	2.22	1.94	1.54	2.20	1.86	1.30	2.14
30 and under 35	3.45	3.07	2.92	3.15	2.98	2.76	3.31
35 and under 40	4.85	4.29	3.93	4.23	4.25	3.51	4.37
40 and under 45	6.18	5.62	4.82	5.55	5.37	5.22	5.75
Over 45	7.30	6.57	5.76	6.41	6.11	6.63	6.63
All Ages	4.17	3.68	4.77	5.11	[illegible]	6.34	4.97

If this table be taken as it stands it is clearly seen that the New South Wales women have at every age the largest families. But if we take the results of the total women of each nationality—as shown in the last line of the above table—then the Australian women are the least prolific, and such indeed was the specious reasoning applied by Coghlan in his earlier pamphlet, and to which I have already drawn attention—only that instead of taking the total averages of women living he took those of the women at death, irrespective of the age at death. Of course, when it is known that of married women aged 45 and upwards—that is to say, of women who have practically completed their families—New South Wales women have only 18.4 per cent. of their total, whilst the similar percentage of Irish women is 55.7, and those for England, Scotland, and Germany are 51.6, 52, and 62.9 respectively, the apparent paradox, that whilst for each group the New South Wales woman has more children than women of European or British birth, yet as a total it is less, entirely disappears. But the above table requires some adjustments before we can compare the respective potential fertilities of the women of the various birthplaces. The table as it stands actually represents the net results to the community. It is a fact that the New South Wales woman has more children than the Irish woman of the same age group. And that is what concerns the community, and affects the birthrate—the kinetic fertility, not the potential fertility—and therefore Coghlan's assertion regarding the Irish woman is utterly unwarranted by his own census statistics. Again, we are told that wherever Irish women are numerous there the birthrate is higher than elsewhere. Does Russia—which probably can boast of the highest birthrate in the world—support a large Irish population? Does Germany? Does Austria? Is Ireland itself conspicuous on account of its birthrate? What statistics can Coghlan produce in support of his statements? But to return to a comparison of the respective fertilities of the New South Wales and Irish women. We have seen that the actual results show that the former produce larger families than the latter in the various age groups, and this would also be a measure of their respective reproductive powers—if the average ages at marriage were the same for both. Now Coghlan, on page 5 of his recent pamphlet, says:—"It is important to distinguish the average marriage age of Australian women compared with that of women of other origin. This, for women living in the State at the date of the census of 1901, was, Australia 23.35 years, Ireland 26.30 years. The average age at marriage of other than Australian-born women is 25.65 years, or 2.3 years higher than that of Australian women. This is a very important difference, and as will presently appear is equivalent, other things being equal, to the probability of 60 more children being born to 100 Australian women than to a like number of women of European extraction (sic)." A little reflection will show that this is not the correct way of obtaining the average marriage ages for comparative purposes. Clearly the Irish women now aged under 25 could not have married at age 26.30 years. What is required is the average age at marriage of women who were under 20, under 25, and 30, etc., at the time of the census for both the New South Wales and Irish women. This we are enabled to give from the census tables, and the result I find to be as follow:—

Of those Women Under 20 yrs.	Average Age at Marriage. N.S.W. Women.	Irish Women.	Difference.
20 years	18.40 years	18.44 years	.04 years
25 years	20.75 years	21.34 years	.59 years
30 years	21.93 years	23.30 years	1.37 years
35 years	22.43 years	24.26 years	1.83 years
40 years	22.69 years	24.88 years	2.19 years
45 years	22.81 years	25.20 years	2.39 years

It will be seen in the last quotation from Coghlan that a difference of two to three years in the age at marriage makes a difference of 60 children to 100 wives, or 26 children to each wife per annum. I accept this figure as correct. In the fourth column of the last table is seen the difference in the ages at marriage of New South Wales and Irish wives in quinquennial groupings—the advantage of earlier marriage being on the side of the former. We are now in a position to adjust the Irish figures to allow for difference in age at marriage. I may here explain that I have gone into much detail in consequence of the great importance of the subject, since the attention of the whole world has been directed to the natural or voluntary sterility of the Australian woman, and that the Irish woman had been held up as an example of what should be. And let it be borne carefully in mind that we are not now dealing with women of past generations, but the women who have spent for the most part their married life—to borrow a geological analogy—during the age of restriction. Another reason for so much detail is the remarkable character of the results obtained after adjustment. The first question is, What adjustment is to be made for the Irish wife from 20 to 25 years of age? (there being none under 20), or what allowance is to be made if she had married .59 year younger—that is, at the average age at marriage of the New South Wales woman in the same group? Simply the product of .26 and .59, or .15. Therefore the Irish wife would have had if married at the same age as the New South Wales wife (see a previous table) 1.11 plus .15, or 1.26 children, which, strangely enough, is exactly the same as that of her New South Wales sister. Dealing similarly with each age group, the results obtained are as shown in the next table, which also shows the adjusted number of children to the Irish wife, and, for comparative purposes, the actual number to the New South Wales wife:—

Age of Wife.	Irish Wives Adjustment.	Irish Wives Corrected Result.	New South Wales Wives.
20 to 25 years	.15 child	1.26 children	1.26
25 to 30 years	.36 child	2.22 children	2.22
30 to 35 years	.48 child	3.46 children	3.45
35 to 40 years	.57 child	4.82 children	4.85
40 to 45 years	.62 child	5.99 children	6.18

The agreement between the third and fourth columns cannot but be regarded as most extraordinary, and I think conclusive, of the accuracy of the method of adjustment. It shows beyond all question that, so far as fertility is concerned, the Irish woman is no better and no worse than her Australian sister, and, therefore, that Coghlan's eulogies were entirely unwarranted. Granting, for the sake of argument, that the Irish woman (as is asserted by him) is the most fertile of women, of what benefit is that to the community, from an economic point of view, if they marry so much later in life that they have less children? That they have smaller families we have conclusively shown. It matters not what potentialities the Irish woman may possess if these powers remain latent. But we have also shown that the potentialities are alike, and therefore if we are, as Coghlan suggests, to acquit the Irish women as a class of the practice of preventive measures, we must also acquit the New South Wales women as a class. The practice is not so extensive—though extensive enough—as is popularly supposed, and as decided by the recent Royal Commission. I hope I have made it clear that much has been asserted by the Government Statistician which is not in accordance with scientific deductions from observed facts. We have seen how he first declared that there could be no doubt that Australian women in the past were not as fertile as British or European, then that they were more so in the past, but are not so fertile now. We have just seen they are more fertile now, to some slight extent, than non-Australian women.

LATE MINING.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, 34s 6d, 35s, b 34s 6d, s 35s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s, 35s 3d, b 35s, s 35s 3d; Broken Hill Junction, b 3s 3d; Junction North, b 2s 9d, s 3s; Broken Hill South, b 21s 6d, s 22s; ditto, paid, 29s 9d, b 29s 3d, s 29s 9d; South Blocks, b 6d, s 8d; ditto paid, b 4s, s 4s 6d; North Broken Hill, 12s, 12s 1½d, b 11s 9d, s 12s 1½d; Sulphide Corporation, 4s 6d, b 4s 5d, s 5s; Victoria Broken Hill, 11d, 1s, s 1s.

Copper and gold companies: Crown Lyell, 4d, s 4d; Mount Lyell, 18s, 17s 6d, b 17s, s 17s 4½d; Lyell Blocks, 2s 7d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Lyell Consols, 6½d, 6d, s 6d; North Mount Farrell, 1s 5d, s 2s; Tasman and Crown Extended, 2d, b 2d, s 3d; ditto, paid, b 6d, s 7d.

Coal companies: Hetton Colliery, 50s.

Tin mines: Briseis, 8s 11d, 8s 9d, b 8s 9d, s 8s 10d; Brothers Home, 12s 4½d, 12s 6d, b 12s 6d, s 13s; Mayne, b 4s; ditto, paid, 5s 9d, b 5s 6d, s 6s; Pioneer, b £6.

Victorian mines: Amalgamated Scots and Perthshire, 3s 1d, 2s 9d, b 2s 10d, s 3s; Band and Loch United, b 8s 3d; Berry United, 3s 3d, 2s 2d, b 3s 2d; Birthday, 29s, 30s, b 29s, s 30s; Birthday Tunnel, 8s 6d, 9s, b 8s 6d, s 9s; Black Horse United, b 8s 6d, s 10s; Burnt Creek, b 6s 9d, s 7s 6d; Cassilis, 18s, b 17s, s 18s 3d; Chiltern Valley, b 20s; Clarence, 44s, b 44s, s 46s; Duke of Wellington, 12s, b 12s, s 12s 6d; ditto South, 6d, b 6d, s 8d; Glenfine South, 1s 7½d, s 1s 11d, Grand Dyke, contg, 3s, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Great South Long Tunnel, 4d, b 4d, s 4½d; Great Southern, b 12s, s 35s; Great Southern Consols, 5s 3d, b 5s, s 5s 6d; Homeward Bound, 3s 6d, 3s 8d, b 3s 6d, s 4s; Hunt's Extended, 9s; Hustler's Reef, 25s 9d, b 25s 3d, s 26s; Hustler's Reef No. 1, b 21s, s 21s 6d; Jubilee, b 40s, s 45s; King Cassilis, 3s 7d, b 3s, s 4s; Long Tunnel, b 67s, s 69s 6d; Long Tunnel Extended, b £12, s £12 5s; Madame Berry West, b 12s 3d; Main Leads North, 11s, 11s 1½d, b 10s 9d, s 11s 6d; Maud and Homeward Bound, 1s, b 10d s 1s; New Dempsey b 12s, s 16s; ditto, paid, b 10s 6d, s 12s; New Loch Fyne, 20s, b 20s, s 22s 6d; New Moon, £8 0s 6d, b £7 18s, s £8 1s; New Moon Consols, 8s 3d; North Sir John Franklin, 1s 8d, 1s 7d, 1s 8d; Rob Roy, 10d, 1s, b 9d, s 10d; Russell's Reef, 10s 6d, 11s 3d, 10s 4½d, b 10s 1½d, s 10s 6d; Sir, 17s 6d, b 17s 3d, s 18s; South Birthday, b 12s 9d, s 12s; South British, 1s 5d, 1s 6d, b 1s 4d, s 1s 9d; South German, 10s 3d, b 9s 11d, s 11s; South New Moon, £8 18s, b £8 16s, s £9; Specimen Hill, 15s 9d; Spring Hill Leads, b 3s 9d, s 4s 9d; Star of the East, 3s 6d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 9d; Unity, b 13s; Victor's Quartz, b 1s 6d, s 2s 3d; West Berry Consols, s 5s; William's Fancy, s 17s 6d.

Western Australian mines: Associated, b 62s, s 65s; Bayley's Consols, s 1s; Great Boulder, b 27s; Lake View South, 2s 1d; Phillip's River Options, b 32s, s 35s; South Kalgurli, 30s; Tindal's, b 11d, s 1s 2d.

THE CHURCHES.

NEWTOWN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Methodist Sunday School at Newtown has reached its 60th anniversary, and the event is being celebrated. On Sunday last special services were held in connection with the movement. The morning preacher was the Rev. A. E. C. James. The Rev. G. T. Walden conducted a children's service in the afternoon, and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge. A choir of 350 voices led the singing under the direction of Mr. R. R. Christian. Mr. W. A. Pogson presided at the organ. There was a crowded congregation at each service.

On Monday evening a musical festival was held, presided over by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge, who delivered an address tracing the work and progress of the school. A musical programme was carried out. Among those who contributed were Miss Ernestine Loust, Miss Garton, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. A. A. Walker, and Miss Kingsbury. During the evening the secretary presented a report showing the number on the roll to be 524. The treasurer's statement was also satisfactory and, together with the secretary's report, was adopted.

ST. PHILIP'S, CHURCH HILL.

In commemoration of St. George's Day the Waverley Cadet Corps held a church parade in the above church on Sunday last. A large number mustered in command of Captain F. Pitney Martin. The rector (Archdeacon Langley) read the prayers and lessons. Rev. R. B. S. Hammond preached a special sermon on "Christian Excitement."

INFANT'S BODY FOUND IN THE HARBOUR.

The body of a newly-born female child was found floating in the harbour, under Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point, yesterday morning. The discovery was made by an employee of the Harbour Trust, and he informed the police. The infant was wrapped in a handkerchief, which also contained a piece of coal. The body was conveyed to the North Morgue, and a report was sent to the City Coroner.

Since the campaign entered upon by the health authorities against the hordes of rats at the London Docks, 255,372 have been destroyed.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The following race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Lockhart J.C., May 25; Argoon Picnic R.C., May 31; Wee Was Oddfellows, June 21 and 22.

The weekly meeting of the Kensington Racing Club will be held to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. Special trams will run at frequent intervals from Bent-street between 12.45 and 1.55 p.m., and from the Railway Institute, corner Devonshire and Castlereagh streets, between 12.58 and 1.40 p.m.

Coongaloon, who won the Trial Handicap at Sandown Park on Saturday was formerly a performer at picnic meetings in the Riverina district. He is a bay gelding, 5 years old, and was bred in this State by Mr. J. A. Campbell at the same place as Wingaroon, who won a number of races in Melbourne a little while back. Coongaloon is by Lord Randolph (son of Newminster) from Emma, by Emulation from Talkative, by Talk o' the Hills from Miami, by South Australian from Miss Giraffe (imp.), by King Tom. Critics were impressed by the manner in which he won on Saturday, and regard him as an acceptable addition to the ranks of Melbourne sprinters.

Fifeness, on his return to Western Australia, will be treated to a lengthy spell at his owner's stud farm at Melvile Park. Cross Keys, who has finished her racing career, will be devoted to breeding purposes at the same place.

At a meeting of the A.J.C. committee yesterday permission to ride in races was granted to Edward Fogarty and John Harper. A jockey's license was also granted to George Murdison, and a No. 2 trainer's license to E. C. Naylor.

Entries for the pony and galloway meeting of the Brighton Racing Club to be held on Friday close with the secretary (Mr. S. Peters) at 5 p.m. to-day.

The flat-racing season in England was opened auspiciously at the Lincoln meeting on March 21, the weather being fine, and the attendance large. There is always keen competition to capture the initial event—the Trial Plate—the triumph being generally associated with a successful season, both by owners and riders. The favourite, Happy Match, flattered her backers below the distance, but she was unable to stall off the vigorous challenge of the three-year-old Golden Castle, who won by three-quarters of a length. The winner is by the Australian-bred horse Aurum II. from Castlehatch. After the race her owner, Sir James Miller, sold her to Captain Orr-Ewing for 190 guineas.

The steeplechase at Sandown Park on Saturday is described as one of the best seen in Melbourne for some time. The distance was lengthened from two miles, the usual course, to two miles and a quarter, and 11 of the 17 named on the card went to the post. Notwithstanding that the field was more numerous than usual on suburban courses, none of the competitors met with any accident, and even the erratic Anchor, who had not been on his best behaviour for some time, condescended to jump the course. At the last fence four horses were almost level, and in an exciting finish Chester, nicely handled by F. Cosgrove, managed to prevail over Sapphire. Cosgrove followed up his success by winning the Hurdle Race on Cynic at Moonee Valley on Monday.

The five events comprised in the programme for the Newcastle Jockey Club's Meeting, to be held on Saturday next, attracted a total of 62 nominations. Weights will probably be issued to-morrow.

The Melbourne two-year-old, Van Tromp, who has shown indifferent form of late, has been added to the list and turned out.

Mr. W. Leonards' bay colt by Solanium—Black Princess has been named Jacaranda, and the brown colt by Positano—or Medallion—from Somniloquist will be known as Nap.

Mr. J. G. Clarke, who raced in Australia a few years ago, won the Hainton Plate, a flat race of 365 sovs, run over a mile and a half, with his smart hurdle racer Mark Time at the Lincoln Meeting on March 22. The winner started at 3 to 1, and won by a dozen lengths.

Bassini, who was purchased by Dr. Spooner Hart, and contracted a cold on the journey to Melbourne, will not be raced in Victoria. He will be shipped to Calcutta as soon as he recovers.

Uninsured, who won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first of the big spring events in England, started a warm favourite at 9 to 2 against. Below the distance Uninsured drew out and won by three-quarters of a length from Wolfshall. The surprise of the race was the bold showing made by Stoic, a gelding by Trenton, who started at 100 to 1, and finished a good third. Laveno, the sire of the winner, is half-brother to Positano's dam, and is therefore closely related to Haut Brion.

The imported sire Albatross has been credited with a few winners lately. Speculation succeeded in winning the Jumpers' Flat Race for him at Sandown Park on Saturday, and Basin the principal event at the Canterbury Park meeting on the same day. Albert, another of his progeny, placed the Farewell Handicap to his credit at the Casino Jockey Club's meeting.

Our Corowa correspondent telegraphs that the racehorse Waratah, who holds a splendid district reputation, having won many races, including the late Cootamundra Cup, and who fell while holding a good position in the Benalla Cup a few weeks back, it is now feared will never race again, unfavourable symptoms having developed in one of his legs, which has swollen to an enormous size.

Mikado II., sire of Yum Yum and San Toy, two noted turf performers, and himself the winner of 20 or more races on the flat and over the sticks, died at his owners'—Messrs. J. and G. M'Leod's—residence, Lowesdale, at the latter end of last week.

The Tamworth Jockey Club received good entries for its annual meeting, which takes place next week. Most of the horses engaged have good country records, but La Hogue and Insolence are the only two metropolitan horses nominated. Among the entrants are Francesca and Forge, who have earned winning brackets in Brisbane.

Yesterday's scratchings for next Saturday's meeting at Warwick Farm were as follows:—Farm Stakes, Ninyas, Midshipman; Pace Welter, Ninyas; Warwick Handicap, Haut Star.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In conection with the S.A.J.C. Autumn Meeting, the following horses have been scratched in Melbourne:—South Australian Stakes: Graftonus. St. Leger Stakes: Sweet Nell. Goodwood Handicap: English Rose.

F.J.A. is under orders to proceed to Adelaide. Coongaloon is unlikely to go over.

WARRNAMBOOL RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Warrnambool Racing Club was favoured with glorious weather on its opening this afternoon. There was a capital attendance, the course was in good order, and some interesting racing was witnessed. Menandra had a slight call in Flanders for the Trial Hurdle Race, but the winner turned up in Prospect, who was hardly backed at all. Backers were more fortunate in the Maiden Plate, the favourite, Viator, winning easily in the end. Rosshire was favourite for the Brierly Steeplechase, but although he ran well he was overmatched by Limelight, who is a smart jumper. Only three horses unseated the course. Grafina was a hot favourite for the Wangoon Handicap, and won easily, and Antique gained an easy victory in the Hopkins Hurdle Race. Harold and Maltie divided favouritism for the Welter Handicap, but Viator, saddling up once more, was again victorious. Details:—

Trial Hurdle Race, 2m 55yds.—Mr. J. W. Crawley's Prospect, by Chaldean—Hamlet mare, 9st 12lb (T. Halligan), 1; Messrs. Manifold Bros.' Castomus, 9st 12lb (D. Allan), 2; Mr. Lucas's Friendless, 10st 5lb (J. Irving), 3. Other starters: Menandra, Spray, and Gold Letters. Betting: 5 to 2 v Menandra, 3 to 1 v Friendless, 6 to 1 each v Spray and Gold Letters, 7 to 1 v Prospect. Won by three lengths. Friendless was a bad third, and Gold Letters last. Spray fell. Time, 4m 3 3-5s.

Maiden Plate, 6f.—Mr. J. P. Farquharson's Viator, by Pilgrim's Progress—Genevra, 8st 9lb (W. Dunford), 1; Mr. J. Moran's Red Fly, 8st 12lb (L. Dunford), 2; Mr. Quiney's Inkata, 8st 9lb (W. Meredith), 3. Other starters: Philoe, Anetta, Union, Gnarpurt, Western, Brown, Terang, and Twist. Betting: 2 to 1 v Viator, 4 to 1 v Red Fly, 6 to 1 v Anetta, 7 to 1 v Gnarpurt, 10 to 1 v Inkata. Won by two lengths, with a head between second and third. Anetta was fourth and Brown last. Time, 1m 18 4-5s.

Brierly Steeplechase, about 2m.—Mr. M. Atkinson's Limelight, by Bluelight—Amy, 9st 11lb (E. Alderton), 1; Mr. Bradhurst's Rosshire, 9st 3lb (J. Carter), 2; Mr. H. Connelly's Aquarius, 9st (Irving), 3. Other starters: Amber, 9st 7lb; Aberfoyle, 9st 2lb; Euchre, 9st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Rosshire, 4 to 1 v Limelight, 5 to 1 each v Amber and Aquarius, 7 to 1 each v Aberfoyle and Euchre. Won by ten lengths, a bad third. Only three finished. Time, 4m 46s.

Wangoon Handicap, 6f.—Mr. E. H. Durgin's Grafina, by Grafton—Regina, 9st 7lb (W. Burn), 1; Mr. R. M'Master's Good Morning Bill, 8st 4lb (Powell), 2; Mr. J. Lucas's Rachel, 7st 8lb (J. Byrne), 3. Other starters: Capewood, 8st 13lb; Booval, 8st 13lb; Drakensburg, 8st 10lb; Maid of the Mill, 8st; Transport, 7st 10lb; Curl, 7st 9lb; Fairy Queen, 7st 9lb; Abbey, 7st 7lb; Oceana, 7st 6lb; Blush Rose, 7st 6lb; Tasonia, 6st 13lb. Betting: Even money on Grafina, 6 to 1 v Abbey, 8 to 1 v Drakensburg, 10 to 1 v Good Morning Bill, 15 to 1 each v Curl and Blush Rose. Won by four lengths, two lengths between second and third. Tasonia was fourth and Booval last. Time, 1m 17s.

Hopkins Hurdle Race, 2¼m 60yds.—Mr. R. Ledgerwood's Antique, by Off Colour—Fonia, 11st (G. Tomlin), 1; Mr. Botterill's Cardinal, 9st 8lb (M'Kenna), 2; Messrs. Manifold Brothers' Monica, 10st 4lb (D. Allan), 3. Other starters: Romany Lad, 11st 13lb; Muldoon, 10st 13lb; Dandy Dick, 10st 12lb; Lilydale, 9st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v Antique and Monica, 4 to 1 each v Romany Lad and Muldoon. Won by half a length, the same distance between second and third. Romany Lad was fourth, and Lilydale last. Time, 4m 29s.

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Mr. J. P. Farquharson's Viator, by Pilgrim's Progress—Genevra, 8st 7lb (W. Dunford), 1; Mr. M. Atkinson's King Edward, 10st 7lb (Meredith), 2; Mr. W. H. Jones's Maltie, 9st 7lb (W. Burn), 3. Other starters: Find Out, 9st 11lb; Wanderer, 9st 6lb; Cobham, 9st 4lb; J.R., 8st 13lb; Harold, 8st 10lb; Junot, 8st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Maltie and Harold, 4 to 1 v Viator, 7 to 1 v King Edward. Won by half a length, the same distance between second and third. Harold was fourth and Cobham last. Time, 1m 46s.

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

TAMWORTH, Tuesday.

The following nominations have been received for the annual meeting of the Tamworth Jockey Club, which takes place next week:—

FIRST DAY.

Opening Handicap.—High Life, The Bairn, Forge, Francesca, Lady Noble, Barraba, Lazy Bill.

Park Stakes.—De Wet, Sweet Song, High Life, Peer, The Bairn, Simmon, Encore, Miss Chester, Zinc, Kington, Dean Swift, Millar, Tester Boy, Princess, Folly.

Peel Handicap.—Waterworks, Peerlike, T.S., Insolence, Peer, Tarik, Francesca, De Wet, Miss Minerva, Althea.

Welter Handicap.—Billson, Sweet Song, High Life, The Bairn, Francesca, Mahratta, Barraba, Kington, Tester Boy, Swansin, Muldoon, Tarquini.

Borough Handicap.—Waterworks, De Wet, T.S., La Hogue, Peer, Forge, Encore, Miss Minerva, Lazy Bill, Althea.

SECOND DAY.

Railway Handicap.—T.S., High Life, The Bairn, Forge, Francesca, Lady Noble, Miss Chester, Mahratta, Barraba, Lazy Bill.

Flying Handicap.—De Wet, Sweet Song, High Life, Peer, Francesca, Encore, Miss Chester, Zinc, Kington, Dean Swift, Tester Boy, Princess, Muldoon, Folly.

Tamworth Jockey Club Handicap.—Waterworks, Peerlike, Insolence, La Hogue, Peer, Tarik, Forge, De Wet, Miss Minerva, Althea, Lazy Bill.

Stewards' Handicap.—Billson, La Hogue, Peer, The Bairn, Simmon, Mahratta, Barraba, Kington, Lazy Bill, Swansin, Tarquini.

ENNGONIA AMATEUR T.C. RACES.

BOURKE, Tuesday.

The following are the weights for the two principal events of the Enngonia Amateur Turf Club's meeting, to be run on May 6:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Paradox, 11st 2lb; Dick, 11st; Cardigan, 8st 8lb.

Enngonia Handicap, 7f.—Paradox, 11st; Dick, 10st 12lb; Cardigan, 8st 7lb.

POLO.

COOMA, Tuesday.

At the conclusion of the polo match between Cooma and Bombala clubs at Maffra on Saturday a polo pony race, 3½f, took place for trophies, the first prize being a silver rose bowl, a miniature facsimile of the Cooma polo challenge cup. There were six competitors, and the result was:—Mr. C. G. Wildash's Revel (ridden by Mr. J. Wildash), 1; Mr. J. B. Santelle's Dainty (ridden by owner), 2; Mr. C. Byrie's Dick (ridden by Mr. F. King), 3.

COURSING.

N.S.W. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

DERBY AND OAKS MEETING.

The N.S.W. National Coursing Association will open its season to-day at Rooty Hill, the events for discussion being the N.S.W. Derby, the N.S.W. Oaks, and the Woodstock Stakes. Reports from the Plumpton state that the "going" is in good order and the hares well trained. The draw took place at Usher's Metropolitan Hotel yesterday, and resulted as follows:—

N.S.W. DERBY STAKES.

For 32 Dog Puppies, at £2 2s. Winner, £30 and trophy; runner-up, £15; two dogs, £6 each; four dogs, £2 10s each. (Closed with 16 nominations, and paid pro rata.)

Mr. A. Webster ns blk and w Abundance v Mr. R. Devlin's blk and w Demos.
Mr. W. B. Pye's r and w Petroleum v Mr. G. Keighery ns bk Rookwood.
Messrs. Ryan and O'Brien's f and w Clarendon v Mr. R. Gowland's f and w Edward VII.
Mr. F. Newman ns r Harold... v Mr. H. Coombes ns f Chronograph.
Mr. S. Bladon's blk Braggadocio v Mr. J. Monk ns blk and w Major Nelson.
Mr. C. Allerdice ns r and w Blair Hill v Mr. T. Clarendon's blk Master Procyon.
Mr. H. C. Christiansen's blk and w President v Mr. S. Bladon's f Bedrock.
Mr. R. Devlin's blk and w Desmond v Messrs. Howarth and Taylor ns blk and w Countersign.

N.S.W. OAKS STAKES.

For 32 Bitch Puppies, at £2 2s each. Winner, £30 and trophy; runner-up, £15; two dogs, £6 each; four dogs, £2 10s each. (Closed with 16 noms., and paid pro rata.)

Mr. R. Coombes ns be Claudia v Mr. J. Wardale's bk Whippet.
Mr. J. Bateman's ns bk Playaway v Mr. S. Bladon's f Best Blend.
Mr. S. Bladon's w and bd Barcelona v Mr. W. Norton's r Royal Crown.
Mr. T. Clarendon's bk Air Motor v Messrs. Bramwell and M'Afee's r and w Beulah.
Mr. W. F. West's w and f Meg Merrilies v Mr. J. Bateman ns w and bk Vivienne.
Mr. J. Toohey's f and w Toovana v Mr. F. A. Lamb's bk and w Lanoline.
Mr. J. Raftery's be Radium v Mr. W. J. West's bk and w White Locks.
Mr. J. Raftery's bd Young Rodda v Mr. R. Devlin's f and w Dutch Oven.

WOODSTOCK STAKES.

(For 16 all ages, at £2 2s, with trophy.)

Mr. T. Upton's bk d Idle Boy v Mr. F. D. Kenyon ns f or r b Maydew.
Mr. P. A. Lamb's bk and w d Liedertafel v Mr. A. Cowell's bk and wd Chamberlain.
Mr. T. Clarendon's bk d Milesian v Mr. J. Weir's bk and w b Wee Maid.
Messrs. Ryan and O'Brien's f d Young Marlow v Mr. T. Donaghey's f d Loyalstone.
Mr. J. Monk ns be and w b White and Blue v Messrs. Bramwell and M'Afee's f and w d Bathurst Burr.
Mr. L. M. King ns w and r b Epithet v Mr. N. Braddick's bk and w d Breelong.
Messrs. Rowan and Taylor's r and w d Corbett v Mr. J. Weir's bk and w d Woodpecker.
Messrs. Bramwell and M'Afee's f and w d Master Cecil v Mr. E. A. Wardsor's bk d Welcome Nugget.

There was a fair attendance in the evening, when the card was called. Some spirited betting was recorded, in straight-out wagering on the Derby, Edward VII. was favourite at 5 to 2 against, Braggadocio was quoted at 3 to 1, Desmond at 5 to 1, and Demos at 6 to 1. On the Oaks 5 to 2 was laid against Best Blend, and 4 to 1 each against Aniline, and Beulah. There was not much business done on the Woodstock Stakes straight-out, though betting was keen on the individual courses.

A special train will leave Redfern for Rooty Hill this morning at 9.55, stopping at Strathfield, Parramatta, and Blacktown. The return journey will be made at 5.15 p.m., arriving in Sydney at 6.14. The ordinary train will leave each day at 8.30 a.m. and 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.51 p.m. and 6.56 p.m.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

WARRNAMBOOL-MELBOURNE ROAD RACE.

The great annual road race from Warrnambool to Melbourne takes place this season on August 20. The Dunlop Tyre Company, who are the promoters of this yearly event, are making arrangements for the carrying out of Australia's classic race on a magnificent scale. J. Arnst, last year's winner, is expected to be well enough to compete.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The Eastern Suburbs Club intend holding a five miles cycle race for members on Saturday next over the Maroubra course. The following handicaps have been declared:—W. Grist, W. Gahagan, scr; W. Halloway, 25s; J. Rogers, L. Newland, 35s; J. H. Stuart, J. B. Gumming, 40s; T. Cole, J. White, 60s; C. Herrord, A. Owens, 70s; L. Davis, G. Penfold, S. Inglis, 80s; W. Gilkies, F. B. Willis, 140yds.

MAJOR TAYLOR IN FORM.

Major Taylor seems to be in winning form at present, as at the recent Eight Hours carnival he annexed several important scratch events without much effort. There were also several races which would have fallen to his lot had not a temporary mishap to his bicycle in one race and a puncture in another interfered with his chances. Taylor leaves for Sydney as soon as the Melbourne meeting terminates, his last engagement in this State being at Wagga. As soon as the latter race meeting is concluded Taylor will come direct to Sydney, and after a few days' rest will proceed to his home in the United States.

MOTOR CYCLES AND HORSE POWER.

In connection with the question of horse-power as applied to motor cycles there seems to be a general lack of knowledge on this subject. The standard of an engine's efficiency is gauged by its ability to lift 33,000 lb 1ft high a minute per horse-power. In motor cycles the engine only reaches its rated horse-power at its maximum speed or number of revolutions. But what is not generally known is the fact that while the power increases with the speed of the engine so in inverse ratio does it also fall. For example, a motor of 3 h.p. at 1600 revolutions per minute, instead of giving 1½ horse-power at half speed, probably does not develop 1 h.p. at the lower rate. This is a partial explanation of the phenomenon known to riders that if the speed of an engine is permitted to get below a medium number of revolutions its power has practically vanished. On a car this loss of power is not usually met with on account of the speed being kept constant by means of varied ratios of gears. With the knowledge that a motor cycle does not develop its full power except when running at the maximum revolutions of the engine per minute, it is advisable that owners of such machines should get the latter well under way when about to climb steep hills, as it is only by this means that the engines, especially small-powered engines, will be enabled to go up stiff gradients with comparative ease. If hills are not rushed there is the danger of straining the engine very severely—a matter to be avoided. For once an engine begins to labour going up-hill it also overheats, and this is a cause of great injury to every part of the works. It is essential therefore when mounting a very stiff gradient that the rider should assist his motor by pedalling, as it is only by giving such help that the life of his engine is prolonged and allowed to live its natural life.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

THE BRITISH TEAM.

By the mail which arrived yesterday, Mr. W. A. Rand, the hon. secretary of the N.S.W.R.U., received a letter from Mr. G. W. M'Arthur, the representative of the N.S.W.R.U. in England, bearing upon the coming British team. The letter is dated London, March 25, and in the course thereof Mr. M'Arthur says:—

"We have chosen 22 players, instead of 21 as you suggested, as there is a probability of a visit to New Zealand being later arranged, and, even for a visit to Australia the last team found that 21 were barely sufficient. A team has been chosen from those who have applied stating their ability to undertake the tour if chosen. There may be some alterations before date of sailing, however, as you know unexpected matters often crop up. I have already lost one excellent forward in this way, whose name is not in the list.

"You will notice we are taking seven three-quarters. M'Evedy is a very good back, and O'Brien is also very good there. Llewellyn, Gabe and Morgan have been three of the four regular Welsh internationals this season. Cecil Biggs has also played for Wales, and is a try-getter for Cardiff. M'Evedy and O'Brien are considered close up to English international form, as is also Baker, so you will see we have a pretty warm line. If all the forwards chosen undertake the trip, eight out of the twelve will also be either present internationals or those who have played for their country within the last two years. The others also are really good men."

It was cabled last week that 23 had accepted invitations to make the trip, and that there was one more to be chosen. In this letter, and in former ones, Mr. M'Arthur mentions Cecil Biggs as coming; his name, however, was not cabled. Probably something has cropped up to also keep him at home.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

The committee of the New South Wales Rugby Union has considered the proposed amendments to the laws of the game. The work of the conference was approved of, with a couple of exceptions. An additional suggestion was made to rule 5, dealing with offside, clause F—a scrummage shall be awarded at the spot where the ball was last played by the offending side before such breach occurred. The proposal is that the following words be added:—"Provided that if such spot be in in-goal, then the scrummage shall be at a spot in the field of play five yards from the goal line, opposite the spot where the ball was so played."

It was also suggested that all rulings by the English Rugby Union be furnished at once to all affiliated unions.

DUTIES OF REFEREES.

It has been decided by the New South Wales Rugby Union that the recommendations with regard to the duties of referees be at once acted upon. The recommendations referred to are:—

Knock-on.—That the referees carefully distinguish between "rebound" and "knock-on." There must be some movement of hand or arm forcing the ball in the direction of opponent's in-goal to constitute a knock-on or throw-forward.

Touch Judge.—That each touch judge shall carry two flags of different colours to signal by which side the ball is to be brought into play.

Charging.—The referees shall strictly enforce rule 10 as to charging, and in this connection their attention should be directed to the fact that under law 10 players must not encroach in the slightest degree beyond the goal line or the line through the point where the mark was made, until they are allowed to begin the charge.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

A conference of referees representing England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales is to be held in London in August next, and it is proposed to ask that the New South Wales Rugby Union be thereat represented. If the request be granted, Messrs. G. W. M'Arthur and R. P. Browne will be asked to represent New South Wales. The recommendations of the Australasian conference will then be placed before the international conference.

THE BOROUGH COMPETITIONS.

Messrs. W. Hedge, W. J. Howe, and H. Symes have been elected selectors in connection with the Metropolitan Union's borough competition. The committee will be represented on the union by Messrs. W. J. Howe and W. Logan. The committee consists of Messrs. T. J. O'Farrell, G. D. Helmrich, A. S. Ivory, E. Mullett, and S. G. Ball, with Mr. W. J. Howe chairman.

The Tramway Union has been admitted to the New South Wales Rugby Union.

The Rugby Union has received applications from many country towns for a visit by the English team.

At the last meeting of the committee of the New South Wales Rugby Union a motion that the meeting be held on Mondays instead of Fridays was lost.

LAWN TENNIS.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

The following are the results of Saturday's matches:—

Class A.

University beat Chatswood by 5 sets 35 games to 3 sets 26 games.

Class B.

Sydney No. 1 beat Ashenhurst by 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 21 games.
Balmain beat Mosman by 6 sets 41 games to 2 sets 33 games.
Kuring-gai beat Kerribee by 5 sets 40 games to 3 sets 37 games.
Stanmore II. beat Wahgunyah by 6 sets 43 games to 2 sets 28 games.
University beat Summer Hill by 5 sets 45 games to 3 sets 33 games.

Class C.

Kuring-gai beat S. G. School No. 2 by 6 sets 44 games to 2 sets 21 games.
University C beat S. C. School C by 6 sets 40 games to 2 sets 29 games.
University C beat Karruba by 6 sets 44 games to 2 sets 30 games.
Summer Hill beat Chatswood by 3 sets 36 games to 5 sets 35 games.
Chatswood No. 2 beat University No. 4 by 7 sets 46 games to 1 set 25 games.
Drummoyne beat Mosman No. 2 by 8 sets 48 games to 11 games.

GOLF.

ROYAL SYDNEY G.C.

The associates of the above club will decide a match against bogey to-day for a trophy presented by Mrs. Taylor Young.

BILLIARDS.

N.S.W. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The board of directors of the New South Wales Sports Club, Ltd., have appointed the following committee to carry out this year's tournament, fixed to be held at the clubhouse early in June, viz.—Messrs. E. S. Marks (chairman), J. A. Burke, A. Gregory, G. Easton, E. G. Wyland, and F. G. Underwood as secretary. The offer of Messrs. Heiron and Smith to fix a standard table for the game and provide a trophy was accepted by the committee. The conditions of the game are the same as last year, with the addition that the runner-up will also receive a trophy. The holder of the title (Mr. J. R. Belfield) will not play during the preliminary stages of the tournament, but will play the winner of the preliminary final for the championship. The heats will be 300 points up, semi-finals and preliminary final 750, and final 1500.

THE MARKERS' TOURNAMENT.

As advertised, entries for the Markers' Tournament close on Saturday, the 30th inst. The tournament will start on June 13 at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's showrooms, 216 Castlereagh-street. The games will be 500 up, and bonzoline balls will be used. The tournament is open to all bona-fide markers in New South Wales, the prize money is £65, together with a handsome silver cup, presented by the Bonzoline Ball Company of London.

SYDNEY BICYCLE CLUB.

The third round of the Sydney Bicycle Club's tournament resulted as follows:—Pittman beat H. Diamond, Adams beat Stubbing, Hungerford beat Best, A Diamond a bye.

BOXING.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

The attraction at the National Sporting Club last night was a contest between the two light-weights, M. Andrews and H. Keys. There was a good attendance. In the ninth round Andrews claimed a foul, which was disallowed, and the referee awarded a win to Keys. In the preliminary bout between Wolfe and Williams the referee decided upon a draw, after a most exciting display.

BARRIER HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

"Finn" M'Lean, of Broken Hill, fought "Jim" Cook, of White Cliffs, last night for the heavy-weight championship of the Barrier, a purse of £50, and the gate. There was a large attendance. The fighting was heavy, the blows exchanged being sledge-hammer in force. M'Lean was knocked out in the sixth round.

PIGEON HOMING.

Rowan's Federal Homing Association's annual meeting was held at Newtown on Monday. Office-bearers were elected and the route for the season 1904 decided,—viz., on the south-west line, Hay (distance 350 miles) being the final stage for old birds. A liberal programme of events was included in the schedule. The racing is to start in September.

CITY COUNCIL.

PLANTATION AT CIRCULAR QUAY.

ADULTERATION PROSECUTIONS.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held last night, the Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) presiding.

In regard to street-watering at night the general purposes committee recommended that, "having inquired into the matter of a minute from the Lord Mayor on the employment of carters for street-watering at night and the payment of overtime without authority, together with the reports of the town clerk and the city surveyor in reply thereto, and having considered a further letter from the city surveyor, dated April 11, 1904, in explanation of his action in regard to the matter, and heard evidence, the city surveyor's explanation be accepted, and he be warned to adhere more strictly to the instructions of the council in future, and that in future all instructions from responsible officers involving expenditure of money shall be in writing and signed." The recommendation was adopted.

The town clerk was authorised to sign and affix the council's seal to the agreement for renting the site of the Old Ship Inn for use as a plantation reserve, submitted by the Railway Commissioners and approved by the city solicitor, and to open communication with the Railway Commissioners regarding the erection of a fountain on the site.

The health committee advised that the city health officer take action to prosecute in regard to adulterations of concentrated milk, vinegar, and milk, as specified in his report of April 12, and that cautions be administered in regard to other cases of adulterated milk mentioned in such report.

Alderman Richards opposed the resolution on the grounds that it would kill several thriving industries, and also that the Premier had stated his intention of remitting any fines that might be imposed. After discussion the recommendation was approved on the casting vote of the Lord Mayor.

SHAKESPEARE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—While here in Sydney we have our Shakespeare Society, it is no paradox to say that among the population generally ignorance prevails of Shakespeare's works. Such is immortality! Shakespeare's plays, in quarto form, in the British Museum are valued at £500 a volume, but we can buy one shilling Shakespeare, and yet how the "record breaks" in the world of sporting are familiar to the multitude when gems from Shakespeare would be thrown away. Even the genius of a Rignold seeking to revivify Shakespeare's plays in Sydney is not found remunerative. Why?

The president of the Shakespeare Society points to the fact that in cities smaller than Sydney there are Browning and other societies, but here the result of the Shakespeare Society was to attract a very small recognition among the people of the Sovereign King poet. And yet the gossip of a fashionable divorce case would draw thousands who would go a long way to have each one's wicked secrets divulged. It is not that Sydney people are wanted to feign an intimacy with the great poet; but how much good would result if Shakespeare was likely to regain readers and students in this country to anything like the extent the French and German people have to their immense gain. The Sydney Shakespeare Society has this great work before it.

I am, etc., J. D.

April 26.

ARTICLES AND ASPIRATES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A rule given in a Scotch grammar which was one of my schoolbooks more than 50 years ago seems to me to remove the difficulty as to the use of "a" or "an" before aspirates. Use "an" when the word following is accented on the second syllable—"an historical novel," "an heroic action," "an hotel by the sea," sound easy and natural. On the other hand, "an hero," "an harmony," "an hospital," "an hobby," are awkward to pronounce, and unpleasant to hear. In these cases, to my thinking, the use of "a" is far preferable.

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By order of the Board.
F. ADAMS, General Manager.
Head Office, George and King streets, Sydney, 26th April, 1904.

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IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JAMES RYAN, Storekeeper, Mullumbimby.
All persons having CLAIMS against this Estate are requested to render particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before TUESDAY NEXT, 3rd May, otherwise they will be excluded from participating in the distribution of the Estate.
STARKEY and STARKEY, Chartered Accountants, 93 York-street.
Sydney, 26th April, 1904.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.
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Applications for the Watt Exhibition must be sent in by the same date. For particulars see "Manual of Public Examinations."
Proposal Forms for Committees to superintend the holding of examinations at local centres may be obtained upon application to the Registrar, and must be returned, duly signed, not later than MONDAY, the 2nd of MAY.
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WILL Lady communic. with Gent. who lifted children Newtn. tr., 11 a.m., Sund.? Way, P.O., Gen.-st W.

WANTED, ADDRESS of U. B. NEICH, M.A., University Coach. Beta, P.O., Camden.

WILL CHARLES CHAMPION, who left Bedfordshire, England, about 40 years ago, kindly communicate with his Nephew, ARTHUR SUGARS, Moore-street, Campsie, Canterbury, N.S.W.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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LIPP Semi-grand PIANOS (Horizontal).—Two magnificent PIANOS, in perfect order, almost brand new, for Sale, an opportunity to secure something extremely good in music at abt. half cost. Estmns, 55 Flinders-st, off Oxf.-st.

GUEST and CO., 500 George-street, near Bathurst-street, offer Iron-frame PIANO, by Francke, in perfect order, guaranteed, £24 cash, or terms arranged. Tunings and Repairs at reduced rates.

MAGNIFICENT New £80 Upright Iron Frame PIANO, sacrifice £20. 62 Johnston-st, Annandale.

TENOR TROMBONE, nickel plate, slide, case, complete, cheap. 123 Paddington-st, Paddington.

POWELL, 57 Flinders-st, for PIANOS and ORGANS, some choice barg., must be cleared, from £10.

BLACK and Gold Vose PIANO for SALE, splendid order, sacrifice, only £15. 104 William-st, city.

A NICE English PIANO for private SALE, cheap, gd. maker, perfect order, £12. 245 Cleveland-st.

WANTED to Buy, good Second-hand PIANO. 60 Wells-st, Annandale.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

J. B. YOUDALE, City Agent, A.M.P. Life Office, 108 Pitt-st, opp. G.P.O. Call, write, or tel. 2., 3179.

STATE ELECTIONS.

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The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, ALDERMAN SAMUEL E. LEES, will ADDRESS the ELECTORS in ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLROOM, DARLINGHURST-ROAD, TO-NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, at 8. Ladies Cordially Invited.

MIDDLE HARBOUR ELECTORATE.
HENRY LOXTON, a Candidate in the Liberal and Reform Interest, will address the Electors at Mosman Council-chambers THIS EVENING at 8.

BOTANY-ST. PETERS ELECTORATE.
The Meeting of the Liberal and Reform League, St. Peters Branch, convened for TO-DAY, 27th instant, for the purpose of selecting Candidate, has been POSTPONED to future date.
N. H. ATWILL, Hon. Sec.

BOTANY ELECTORATE.
Alderman J. G. GRIFFIN speaks TO-NIGHT North Botany Town Hall, 8.
Liberal and Reform.

LANE COVE ELECTORATE.
Ald. F. C. PETRIE (Mayor of Willoughby) will address Electors Walker's Hall, THURSDAY, 28th April, 8 p.m., and Presbyterian School, Greenwich, TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, 8 p.m.

PYRMONT ELECTORATE.
ALDERMAN J. C. BEER will speak from the Butchers' Arms, corner Harris-street and Pyrmont Bridge-road, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, on Municipal and Political Matters.

MR. HENRY CONNELL, Candidate for Darling Harbour (Gipps), will ADDRESS the ELECTORS THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, 27th inst, at St. Philip's Hall, Church-hill.

CANTERBURY Electorate.—Robt. Smith has decided to Contest the Electorate, will address at any early date.

BELMORE Division.—Ladies and Gents., I am a Candidate, and will go to the Poll. George Perry.

LOST AND FOUND.

LEFT in Bondi tram, Monday night, 10.30, Paper PARCEL. Reward. H. T. C., P.O., Waverley.

LOST, a small BROOCH, with blue stone, between Oxford-st, Forbes-st. Reward, 229 Forbes-st, Dar.

LOST, Saturday afternoon, in Glenmore-rd 'bus, lady's Fur Necklet. Reward. 433 Kent-st.

LOST.—Left M'Mahon's Pt. Wharf, Silver PURSE, 15s and Cheque £1. Reward, Heather Bray.

LOST, small Piece of Maltese LACE, Oxford-st, rew. 289 Forbes-st, Darlinghurst.

LOST, Sat., black Thibet FUR, betw. Circ. Quay and Hotel Arcadia; rew. Counter Clerk, Herald.

LOST, in C'reagh-st, nr. Australia Hotel, small Parcel contg. val. Lace; reward, Aarons' Exchange.

LOST, bet. Hordern's and Grace Bros., a Baby's Muslin CAPE; please ret. 166 Arthur-st, N. Syd.

LOST, bet. Broughton-st and Milson's Pt. Wharf, Gold Padlock (Jessie engr.); reward. 6 Broughton-st.

LOST, 25th inst, White Fur BOA, between Crown and Campbell sts; reward. 13 Bayswater-rd, D'hrst.

LOST, a Galah PARROT; reward, 165 Wigram-rd, Forest Lodge.

LOST, Monday night, at I.O.O.F. Temple, Macintosh; reward. Mrs. Baker, 46 Womerah-avenue, D'hurst.

LOST, Greenstone Brooch, family relic. Reward, 91 Queen-st, Woollahra.

LOST, Pointer Dog, liver and white, anyone detaining will be prosecuted; rew. Rosebank, Bligh-st, Ntn.

LOST, 26th inst, Cameo BROOCH, keepsake; reward, Counter Clerk, Herald Office.

LOST, MACINTOSH, left on Balmain P.O. Railings. Reward, 5s, ret. J. Dodd, 25 Louisa-rd, Balmain.

LOST, last Thur., Gold Brooch, init. Lucy on front, back J.A.H.; rew. Smith, Strathlea, Eliz.-st, Ash.

LOST, BANGLE, 3 white stones, between Enmore and Redfern, keepsake; rew. 138 Abercrombie-st, city.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKEN'S WHISKY.

LOST, from Randwick, near Racecourse, Light Brown PONY MARE, height about 14 hands, branded G over B.B. near shoulder, off hind foot white, long tail; £1 reward. T. WILLIS, 2 William-st., Racec., R'wick.

LOST, Monday, between Circular Quay and Market-street, Lady's Gold Keyless Hunter WATCH, pin attached, No. 67919. Reward, Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance, Pitt-street.

LOST, in 2.35 train from Summer Hill, Sydney, BROWN PAPER PARCEL. Finder please return to H. BROWNE, 309 George-street, Sydney.

LOST, at Fairfield, Slate-coloured TERRIER, with strap. Finder rewarded.
J. F. RICHARDSON, Estate Agent, Fairfield.

LOST, Monday evening, Campbell-street, Jeffreys-street, or Upper Pitt-street, Milson's Point, Sable NECKLET. Reward.
SCOTT, News Agent, Milson's Point.

LOST, supposed at Waverley, on Monday night, a PURSE, containing Money and Railway Pass. Reward upon returning it to Miss Peterson, Blighswood, Nelson Bay-road, Bronte.

LOST, between Sydney Hospital and G.P.O. silver opened-faced WATCH, with small piece of black ribbon attached, reward 10s on returning to NURSE BOOTH, Sydney Hospital.

LOST, a CHEQUE, dated 26th April, drawn by Reuter's Telegram Company, No. 21,156 payment stopped. Finder please communicate with Reuter's Telegram Co., 110 Pitt-street.

MISS EVANS Cleans and Dyes Straw Hats from 1s. 150 Wilson-st, Redfern, late C'land-st, Darlington.

PAWN TICKETS in Pocketbook LOST. Good Reward. Tickets stopped. 134 Underwood-st, Paddington.

STRAYED, Mon., from 179 L'pool-rd, Sum. Hill, Sable Collie Slut (Lassie), clipped ear. Reward.

STOLEN from No. 9 Albany-road, Stanmore, Rosella PARROT and Cage.
If not returned at once proceedings will be taken, as the party is known.

FOUND, silv.-mtd. Watch, Cullanulla Beach. Owner can have apply W. Duncan, Luland-st, Botany.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

THE BRITISH BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY, LIMITED.
EIGHTH DIVIDEND.
London cables DIVIDEND of 6d per SHARE may be proposed at General Meeting on 2nd May.
Transfers should be lodged before that date.
F. H. CLARK, Colonial Secretary, Australasia-chambers, Adelaide.
April 21st, 1904.

STOCK, SHARES, AND MONEY.

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POSITIVELY WITHOUT SECURITY.
LOANS ON SALARIES TO CLERKS DRAWING TWO POUNDS OR MORE PER WEEK.
I loan any amount up to £50 without security or endorsement and guarantee strict privacy. Anyone drawing a salary or occupying a permanent position of any kind may receive an advance without anyone being cognisant of the fact but the borrower. Unmarried men without furniture or personal property accommodated absolutely without security. My terms are reasonable, and no good, steady man turned away. I am the working-man's friend, and will do for you what no other money-lender will do for you, i.e., loan you money without security, taking it for granted that you will pay back your loan if you are in receipt of a steady income and bear a good reputation.
I lend my own money and am not an agent for anyone else. Call or write.
A. F. LAMSON,
Rooms 10 and 10a Second-floor, Citizens'-chambers, Corner Moore and Castlereagh streets, Sydney.

TRUST FUNDS to LEND on Freehold Security. P. G. Sharpe, Box 1475, G.P.O.

TENDERS.

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ARTISTIC WOOD MANTELS, FITMENTS, Etc., and Manufacturer of High-class Furniture, F. DICKIN, Showroom, 292 Kent-st; Factory, 301 Kent-st, Sydney.

FOR Marble and Slate Mantelpieces, Hearth Tiles, Grates, also Enamelled Mantels, Lowest Cash Prices, MOODIE, Parramatta-road, Annandale.

TENDERS are invited for PAINTING, VARNISHING, and DECORATING to Oxford Hotel, King-street, Newtown.
For specifications, etc., apply to JAMES CAMPBELL, Architect, King and Wilson streets, Newtown.

TENDERS wanted for Painting cottage, corner of View and Piper sts, Annandale.

TENDERS invited additions to brick Cottage. Close May 6. Partics., W. Latham, Avenue, Hurstville.

TENDERS wanted Painting House, etc. Apply T. F. Hanratty, 18 Wattle-st, Chippendale.

TENDER, Iron Fence and Gates, Livingstone-rd, opp. Francis-st, Marrickville.

TENDERS for Connecting Cottage with Sewer. J. Tribolet, Royal Hotel, Balmain.

WANTED, Tenders for Painting. Apply Sussex Arms Hotel, Oxford-st, Paddington, for particulars.

WANTED, Tender for Plastering brick cottage, labour, material, also slater, 50 Wells-st, Newtown.

FOR SALE.

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IRON SAFES, new and second-hand, all sizes, for SALE, bargains. Herman, 8 York-st.

GENT.'S Dress Suits and Sac Suits, tailor-made, very cheap, at Herman's, 8 York-st.

LADIES' and Gentn.'s Waterproofs, gentn.'s Overcoats, Umbrellas, bargains, Herman's, 8 York-st.

MOSLEY'S CUTLERY and Plated Spoons and Forks and Plated Ware, 25 per cent. below warehouse prices; d. barrel breech-loading Guns, and Revolvers, a gift; Watches, bargains. Herman, 8 York-st.

SEWING MACHINES, great bargains, all makes, from 15s hand, 25s treadle, latest improvements, new or equal to new. Machines faithfully repaired or exchanged. Worn-out parts renewed. Terms, 5s dep., 5s month upwards. Send for price list. HUNT and CO., 41 Elizabeth-st, bet. King and Hunter sts.

WE HAVE a Lot of single BEDSTEADS, in good order, slightly soiled, 5s 6d each; Double-woven Wire Mattresses to fit, 4s 6d; Beds, 5s 6d; Pillows, 1s. NOAH'S ARK, George-street West, nr. Grace Bros.

OILSKIN COATS, 5s 6d each, worth 12s 6d. Fitzgerald Bros, 123 George-st West.

SINGER'S Sewing Machine, lat. imp., high arm, perf. order, any trial. 451 Crown-st, nr. Arthur-st.

COUNTER, Shop, and Office Fittings, new and second-hand, cheap. Childs and Koops, 115 Liverpool-st.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

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NOTICE.—I will Buy any kind of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Left-off CLOTHING. Trial solicited. Distance no object. Letters attended. Highest prices given. Mrs. and Miss LEWIS, 92 George-street W.

IRON FIRE-PROOF DOORS wanted, for separating building, state size, 3ft 6in wide preferred. NOAH'S ARK, 199 George-street West.

TO BOXMAKERS.—Wanted, a supply of one doz. Beer Boxes, quarts. Mark's Brewery, Newtown.

STRONG-ROOM DOOR, 2nd-hand, size about 6 x 2. Price and partic., Marcus Clark and Co., N'town.

WANTED Purchase, 100 or more CHAIRS. Apply A. Forsythe, News Agency, 125 P'matta-rd, Ann.

WANTED to Purchase, Singer's or Wilcox and Gibbs' Sewing Machine. Price, Machine, P.O., Newtown.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

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FOR SALE.—A large quantity of Hardwood Flooring. Apply Forsyth, 30 Campbell-st.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Mines and Agriculture, Stocks and Brands, Sydney, 19th April, 1904.
RENEWED NOTICE.
A PROCLAMATION having been published in the Government Gazette of the 2nd June, 1903, notifying the disease in pigs known as "Swine Fever," "Hog Cholera," or "Contagious Pneumo-Enteritis," to be a disease under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901, I hereby declare, under section 6 of the above Act, the whole of the land comprised in the premises occupied by the undermentioned person, situated as under in the County of Cumberland, in this State, to be a Quarantine Area for the purposes of the abovenamed Act; and I also place all swine that are within the aforesaid quarantine area in quarantine for a further period of three months from the date of this notice:—
PREMISES QUARANTINED.
G. MORRIS, Lauand-street, off Bay-street, Botany.
JOHN PERRY, Minister for Mines and Agriculture.
(8d-19)

Department of Fisheries, Sydney, 19th April, 1904.
IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned person has applied to LEASE for OYSTER CULTURE the portion of land set opposite his name. Tracings, showing the position of the portion, may be inspected at this Department daily (excepting Saturdays), between 11 and 3 o'clock, and on Saturdays between 11 and 12 o'clock. Any person may, by memorial to the Board of Fisheries, within thirty days from the date of this notice, and on grounds to be stated in such memorial, pray that a lease of the portion may not be granted.
J. A. BRODIE, Secretary.
HAWKESBURY RIVER.
JAMES ROSS: 200 yards, Parish Patonga, on the eastern bank of Mooney Mooney Creek, Hawkesbury River, lying adjacent to the northern end of Albert Aggett's oyster lease No. 3391. (1h 145)

Public Service Board, 50 Young-street, Sydney, 26th April, 1904.
THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD invite applications for the undermentioned positions in the Public Service. Applications must be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable from this office, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in Country Districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified. Suitable applicants already permanently employed in the Public Service of the State will receive first consideration. Further particulars are published in the Government Gazette, and can also be obtained on application to this office.
WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1904.
TEMPORARY LIFTING GANGER on the Narrabri-Walgett-Collarenebri Railway. Pay, 9s per day.
MONDAY, 2nd MAY, 1904.
GARDENER at Admiralty House, (General Division.) Salary, 7s per day. Applicants must not be more than 40 years of age.
By Order of the Board, J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.
(9a92)

Commonwealth of Australia, Postmaster-General's Department, Queensland. Brisbane, 20th March, 1904.
TENDERS will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, up till noon on MONDAY, the twenty-third day of MAY, 1904, for the supply at Brisbane of two Metallic Circuit Switchboards, 100 Lines, and 100 Telephones Branching System Wall Sets, as per notice appearing in Commonwealth Gazette of 26th March, 1904 (a copy of which may be seen at any official Post Office.
P. O. FYSH, Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia, Postmaster-General's Department, 26th April, 1904.
TENDERS FOR SWITCHBOARD.
Attention is directed to "Commonwealth Gazette" notice inviting TENDERS, addressed to the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to 2.30 p.m. on 8th June next, for the Supply and Delivery of a Switchboard at the Edgecliff Telephone Exchange.
P. O. FYSH, Postmaster-General.

MEETINGS.

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
A Special General Meeting (notice of which was given in the last Abstract of Proceedings), together with the Ordinary Monthly Meeting, will be held THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, in the Linnean Hall, Elizabeth Bay, at 8 o'clock. Titles of the papers to be read as follow:—1. "Descriptions of New Species of Australian Coleoptera, part VII.," by A. M. Lea, F.E.S.; 2. "Contributions to a Knowledge of Australian Entozoa, No. III.," by S. Johnston, B.A., B.Sc.; and 3, "Australian Fungi, New or Unrecorded, Decades VII., VIII.," by D. M'Alpine. J. J. FLETCHER, Sec.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND.
The Annual General MEETING will be held in the Boardroom of Dalgety and Co., 15 Bent-street, on MONDAY, May 2nd, at 4 o'clock.
AMY E. MACK, Secretary.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, HYDE PARK. TO-NIGHT, at 8.
Messrs. Young and Waldon will open a Discussion on "BUDDHISM AND CHRISTIANITY."

WOMEN'S P. Educational League, School of Arts, N. Sydney, To-night, at 8. Speaker, Ald. Creswell.

A.N.A., DARLINGTON BRANCH.—MOCK TRIAL THIS EVENING, 8 o'clock. Visitors invited.

NO. 1, L.O.L. Derry, R.A.P.—Meeting To-night, Protestant Hall. Visitors inv. W. Irwin, W.M.

TOOTH and CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-second Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the KENT BREWERY, George-street West, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1904, at 2.30 p.m.
BUSINESS:
To receive Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904; and the consideration of any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.
F. L. PARTRIDGE, Manager.
15th April, 1904.

THE GULF MEAT COMPANY, LIMITED (In Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidator, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1904, at 12 o'clock (noon).
BUSINESS:
To receive the Liquidator's Report, showing his acts and dealings and the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted from 30th June, 1902, to 30th June, 1903.
Notice is also given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Members of the Company will be held on the same day, and at the same place, at 12.15 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering whether the Liquidator should prosecute a certain Claim.
HORACE ALLARD, Liquidator.
Sydney, 26th April, 1904.

MACHINERY.

FOR SALE.
New Undertype Winding Engine and Boiler, Robey, 8½ x 12, price £350.
New Undertype Engine and Boiler, by Robey, 7½ x 12, price £250.
Second-hand Horizontal Engine, 14in x 20in, in first-class order, price £100 (one hundred pounds).
Second-hand Horizontal Engine, 11in x 28in, first-class order, price £90.
Second-hand Multitubular Boilers, 16ft x 6ft, very high-class boilers, price £150.
Second-hand Cornish Boiler, 17ft 6in x 5ft, galloway tubes, thorough order, price £100.
Stamper Batteries, 3-head £50, 5-head £75, 10-head £120, 20-head £200.
T. M. GOODALL and CO., 129 Hay-street, Sydney.

THE CLYDE ENGINEERING CO., Ltd., GRANVILLE, can supply Multitubular, Vertical, Cornish, Lancashire, Woolf, and other types of BOILERS of various sizes and for various purposes up to 180lb. per sq. inch. Many are in stock, and IMMEDIATE DELIVERY can be given.
Plans of the "Granville" SMOKE PREVENTION Setting (a boon to City users of boilers) will be supplied free to purchasers of boilers.

SIMPSON BROTHERS, 32 and 34 CLARENCE-STREET, SYDNEY.
Keep a large stock of
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FOR SALE, splendid pair new Horizontal ENGINES, 50 I.H.P., cylinder 11 x 22, flywheel 10 x 18 face; Horizontal Brickmaking Machine, 2 pairs Heavy Crushing Rollers, 97 Steel Trucks, 2ft gauge, with tray to hold 300 bricks, easily convertible other purposes; Iron Roller Turntable, Steel Rails 30lb, 10-ton Weighbridge, 1000ft 1½ Pipes Gal., 35-h.p. Cornish Boiler, Pipe and Tile Machine, Double-action Steam Brick and Tile Press, 6pt Pan Mill, Pugmill and Dies, Clay Mixer, 5cwt Skip, Belts 70 x 16, 39 x 10, 39 x 7, 60 x 6.
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KYNOCH FORWARD OIL ENGINES, Stationary and Portable, not cheapest, but best. High Compression, Record for low oil consumption. Can be seen running. Imperial Printers' Furn. Co., 14A Pitt-street, Sydney.

FOR SALE, a splendid lot of SAWMILL MACHINERY, comprising Twin Saw, Breaking-down Bench, Timber and Log Frames, Tenoning Machine, self-acting Bench, Engines and Boilers, 16-h.p. Portable Engines, Also, Huntington Mill and Mining Plants, &c. J. T. S. TREWHELLAR, 34 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 3675.

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FOR SALE.—30ft. Oil Fuel LAUNCH, in first-class order. Apply MILLAR and MARSHALL, Estate Owners, 247 George-street. Tel., 4199.

IMPROVED Mills, Crushers, Sifters, Mixers, Presses, Oil Engines, Water, Tube Boilers, Marine-Stationary, burns oil, gas, coal, wood; also Mining, Irrigating, Milling, Laund. Machinery, Johns, Cleveland-Regent sts.

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FOR Sale, 4 h.-p. Tan. Boiler, with 3 h.-p. Eng., seen work, £27 10s. Watson and Co., Pitt-Gbn. sts.

GAS ENGINE (National), perfect order, can be seen work, 8-h.p. Spencer, Simpson, Mann, 189 Sussex-st.

GAS ENGINE for Sale, National, ½-horse nom., in thor. order. Seen working 48 Oxford-st, Paddington.

FUSE, a few casks, cheap; Copper Boilers, large sizes, up to 120gal. Macintosh, Sons, 307 Pitt-st.

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WHAT'S the News?—PELAW-MAIN COAL leaves no ash. Lockley Bros., Druitt-st. Tel., 1378.

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FOR SALE, this magnificent COUNTRY RESIDENCE, containing 20 rooms, domestic offices, and outhouses; LAND, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE ACRES. The Estate is charmingly situated in the centre of this fashionable neighbourhood, and is now offered at a low figure.
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BURWOOD-ROAD, close St. Paul's C.E., on Heights, 5 mins. railway station.—ZEPHYR, Gent.'s New Det. COTTAGE, 7 rms., garden, bargain, £850, terms. Key next door. S. T. RODD, 80A Pitt-street.

WILLOUGHBY, close to Tram.—Handsome up-to-date BRICK COTTAGE, 6 rooms, kitchen, etc., in this healthy suburb, great bargain, £650, £50 deposit, extended terms. S. T. RODD, 80A Pitt-street.

MORISSET, Northern Line.—BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEE. 2½ miles from Station, and adjoining the property of Sir Daniel Cooper and Osborne's Grant, Valuable BLOCK OF GRAZING LAND, 880 acres. The timber consists of Tallowwood, Mahogany, Gums, Ironbark, and light Oak. Could be parcelled out into cultivation pad., etc. Practically all fenced. Price £2 10s p.a. Freehold. S. T. RODD, Est. Agt, 80A Pitt-st.

BALMAIN, adjoining Bald Rock Ferry.—Valuable BLOCK OF BUILDING LAND, 143ft frontage to Buchanan-street by a depth of 113ft along Mansfield-street. Price, £5 per foot. Freehold title.
S. T. RODD, Estate Agent
80A Pitt-street.

LEICHHARDT, Carrington-st, off Balmain-rd, handy tram.—New DETACHED WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen (Younger stove), bathroom, copper, tubs, sewer, back lane, freehold, £260, £25 deposit, balance by easy instalments. Key with Mr. Royle, 32 Carrington-street.
S. T. RODD, Estate Agent,
80A Pitt-street.

BARGAIN HUNTERS.
This week we direct your attention to SPECIAL VALUE on SPECIAL TERMS, viz., 8 BLOCKS, each 50 x 198, comprising the HIGH VIEW ESTATE, LANE COVE RIVER, not far from the Ryde-road, along which the Drummoyne tram will eventually run. Torrens title. From £15 per block. Terms, 10s dep. and 10s monthly without interest.
A. RICKARD and CO., Ltd.,
Falmouth-chambers, 117 Pitt-street.

ORCHARD, 10 acres, rich black soil, 600 citrus trees, young, healthy, full bearing, crop included; poultry runs, crops corn, vegetables, cottage, stable, sheds. Torr., £330, easy terms. A. H. FERRIS, Parramatta.
CARLINGFORD, opp. rlwy. stn. and front. main rd., excel. block, make gd. subd., insp. Wm. C. Cox.
NAREMBURN.—Five-roomed Brick COTTAGE, 1 minute from tram, elevated position, nice garden, fowlyard, etc. Apply Camden, Rhodes-avenue, Naremburn, Willoughby.
EXETER, S. Line.—For Sale, good Dairy Farm, 250 ac., grass, water, tms. Monk, P'm'ta-rd, H'bush.
FOUR-RMD. Cottage, W. B., good order, bath, gas, cop., Torrens. Hill, 1 Ferdinand-st, Balmain.
FOR SALE, at Dulwich Hill, Allot. of Land, 40 x 100 ft, good position. Terara, Stafford-st, Stanm.
ENMORE, almost at Tram Terminus.—D.-f. Brick COTTAGE, hall, 5 rooms, kit., bath, all offices, tiled ver., f.-doors, ven. blinds, perfect order. Tor., £675. W. A. Pettit, 19 Enmore-rd, Railway Bdge., Ntn.
WILLOUGHBY.—Choicest Lots, Penge Pk., l. prices, easy terms. D. M'Intyre and Co., Junction-st, N.S.

PROPERTIES FOR AUCTION SALE
by
J. A. SOMERVILLE and CO.,
at their ROOMS,
4 HERCULES-STREET, ASHFIELD,
on
SATURDAY, 30th APRIL,
at 3 p.m.
ASHFIELD.—36, 38, 40 Carshalton-street. Three Brick COTTAGES, each contains half hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse; connected with sewer; always let. A good investment. Land, 47 x 116. Torrens.
CAMPSIE.—Dryden-street, through to Burns-street. Three minutes' walk from Station. Comfortable W.B. COTTAGE, hall, 3 rooms, washhouse, etc. Land, 40ft to each street, with a through depth of 294ft. Torrens Title. This property for positive sale, the owner having left the State.
BURWOOD.—Corner of Liverpool-road and Angelo-street, opposite Enfield Post Office. A good property, 86ft frontage to Liverpool-road, with a depth of 142ft along Angelo-street, upon which is erected a W.B. Shop and Dwelling, occupied by Mr. J. HUNT, Hairdresser and Tobacconist. Gas, Water, and Sewer. Freehold Title. Mortgagees' Sale.
BURWOOD.—Parramata-road, Brick COTTAGE, half hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, gas, water, sewer. Land, 47 x 183. Torrens.
ENFIELD WEST.—Splendidly elevated block of 12 Acres and 32 perches, situate at corner of Roberts-road and Norfolk-road, city water past the property, a good block for poultry farm. Torrens' Title. Mortgagees' Sale.
ENFIELD WEST.—Roberts-road, a Choice Block, 5a. 1r. 25p., cleared and fenced, and major portion trenched and richly manured; just the place for market garden; water laid on. Torrens. Mortgagees' Sale.
CROYDON PARK.—Opposite the Park, good BLOCK, 100 x 300. Torrens. Easy terms.
FULL PARTICULARS ON APPLICATION.
NOTE.—This Sale is to be held in THEIR ROOMS, 4 HERCULES-STREET, ASHFIELD, and the Date is NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 30th.
J. A. SOMERVILLE and CO., Auctioneers.

WHATEVER the Womb of the Future may have in Store for us, we know that Land Values are more Likely to advance than to Recede. Therefore prudent men are investing in Land in good positions at the present Rock Bottom Values. A small deposit of 10s will secure an Allotment of Great Prospective Value in the High View Estate, Lane Cove, price £15. Torrens. 50 x 198. Payments of 10s per month, without interest. Call for a litho., and inspect. Genuine Bargains. ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., Limited, Falmouth-chambers, 117 Pitt-street.

DEPOSIT £25, balance as rent, on Petersham Heights, handy to Dulwich Hill, double-fronted Brick COTTAGE, 4 large lofty rooms, kitchen, pantries, bathroom, rest-iron bath, laundry, tubs, copper, metal ceilings, slate roof, concrete foundations, land 34 x 180 to lane, Torrens title £500.
Don't miss this.
W. F. BUTLER, Estate Agent,
Dulwich Hill and Stanmore station.
Telephone, 288 Pet., 345 Pet.

BURWOOD.—LAND, 132 x 280ft, Torrens, price £800, must sell. Wm. Henderson, [illegible] Crown-st, S. H.
NEWTOWN.—A Bargain, two Houses, every conv., in Bucknell-st. Particulars, apply No. 40.
MORTGAGEE'S SALE.—CITY, 2 MAGNIFICENT HOUSES, assured rents £290 p.a., never empty, 1d tram, heights of Darlinghurst. Price, £2400. Terms, £300 cash, bal. 5 p.c. Torrens.
JOHN PUGH,
355A George-street.
MORTGAGEE'S SALE.—Rental Purchase Villa RESIDENCE, substantially built, good order, first-class position, 2d tram, Torrens. £470; £25 dep., bal. as rent.
JOHN PUGH, 355A George-street.
ROOKWOOD.—Brick COTTAGE, cemented, 6 r., one 24 x 14, three 20 x 14, two 20 x 10½, w'house, b., copper, &c, 4 acres, well fenced, large front, P'mta.-rd. John and Francis sts, £550 or offer.
FOR SALE, Brick HOUSE, 6 rooms, hall, kit., w.h., b. r., stove, tubs, cop., gas., land 30 x 115. Price £425, terms, Torrens.
17 Coleridge-street, Leichhardt.
D.-F. Bk. VILLA, 6 rms., cons., close tram, must sell this week, £825. Firkins, 7 Moore-st. Tel., 2100.
ARNCLIFFE.—COTTAGE, five rms, land 40 by 132, stbls., outh., £170. Torrens, nr. sta. 331 Eliz.-st, c.
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AUCTION SALES.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE
HORSE SALES AT CAMPERDOWN.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON hereby notify that owing to the shortness of the days their Horse Sales at the above yards will commence at 2 O'CLOCK SHARP on and after MONDAY NEXT, May 2nd.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.

BAZAAR SALES.
We beg to notify that our Daily Sales at our Bazaar will, from and inclusive of this date, be conducted as follows, viz.:—
At 10.30 a.m.: Horses, Vans, Springcarts and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Harness, etc.
At 11 a.m.: Turnouts of every description specially advertised.
At 11.30 a.m.: Horses of all classes not in harness specially advertised.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO PRIVATE and PROFESSIONAL GENTLEMEN, INDIAN SHIPPERS, LIVERY STABLE PROPRIETORS, HEAVY CARRIERS, and OTHERS.
90 HIGH-CLASS HORSES. 90
All bearing the
CELEBRATED ZR BRAND,
for Sale at the
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY,
at 2.30 p.m. sharp.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to Sell by Auction, as above
On account BANGHEET STATION,
90 HIGH-CLASS HORSES, 4 and 5 yrs. old,
all bearing the
CELEBRATED ZR BRAND,
and comprising about
60 Strong Upstanding COLTS and FILLIES, in heights about 15 to 16.2, showing plenty of substance and quality, principally bays and browns, suitable for the better class of harness and hackney work, and for shipment.
The balance
30 Heavy Draught, rising 5 and 6 years old, suitable for BREWERS' and HEAVY CARRIERS' WORK.
The above comprise a Splendid Draft of Horses, all bearing the ZR Brand, and in Pink of Condition, and all handled to lead.
THE LIGHT HORSES ARE BY THE WELL-KNOWN SIRES, CORPORAL and FALSETTO, OUT OF FIRST-CLASS MARES.

SUPERIOR HOODED CARRYALL and DOUBLE HARNESS.
In the Estate of the late Hon. J. T. TOOHEY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Executors in the above Estate to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11 a.m.,
High-class Hooded Carryall, in first-class condition; also set of best Brass-mounted Double Harness.

HIGH-CLASS HOODED SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Saxton to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, 5 years, 15.2, quiet in saddle and harness, good mover; hooded B.S. Sulky, movable seat, and Harness, in perfect order, making a very superior turnout.

PAIR OF HORSES, BUGGY, and HARNESS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Hon. S. Smith to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11 a.m.,
Pair of Piebald Geldings, 14.2, broken to saddle, s. and d. harness; S.S. Buggy (s.-m.), built by Mitchell, of Richmond; and set of Double Harness, making one of the best turnouts in the State. Being sold as owner has left Sydney, and is living in Melbourne for 6 months.

TO HEAVY CARRIERS AND OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. J. M'Mahon and Co. to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
2 Heavy Draught Geldings, stanch and reliable, with Waggon and Harness, in good order.

VAN TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
An Active Draught Bay Gelding, good worker, any trial, also Van and Harness, making a useful turnout; suit a produce merchant.

SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. Doig to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Mare, broken to saddle and harness, trial given, Sulky and Harness, in good condition, making a first-class lot.

SUPERIOR DOGCART TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Westhorp to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Grey Gelding, thoroughly quiet in saddle and Harness, Dogcart, brass-mounted, and Harness to match, making a very stylish turnout.

WELL-BRED S. and H. HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. Penfold Hyland to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Gelding by Honeycomb; full pedigree at sale; thoroughly quiet and reliable in saddle and harness.

SADDLE and HARNESS MARE, by BRAZIL.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Mare, 15.2, by Brazil, by Childe Harold, quiet and good in saddle and harness.

HARNESS, HORSE, and PONY, FROM BOWRAL.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. B. M'Niven, Bowral, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, thoroughly broken to harness; also Chestnut Pony, perfect model, quiet and reliable for a lady or children to drive.

RELIABLE S. AND H. MARE, from SMITHFIELD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Miss Carter, Smithfield, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Mare, 6 years, thoroughly quiet to carry a lady and reliable in harness, stylish and good mover; can be highly recommended.

STYLISH S. and H. PONY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. N. O'Connell to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Pony Gelding, black points, broken to saddle and harness, quiet and reliable, used to town and trams.

TWO S. AND H. PONIES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. M'Connell to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Two Creamy Ponies (Gelding and Mare), 13 and 14 hands, 6 years, both stylish, and quiet in saddle, single and double harness.

BUGGY MARE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Mare, 15.2, well bred, quiet and reliable in harness, suitable for a sulky or buggy.

HORSES. HORSES.
TURANVILLE ANNUAL SALE.
FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, AT 10 A.M.,
At TURANVILLE, NEAR SCONE.
48 THOROUGHBREDS (Catalogued).
150 COLTS and FILLIES, 4 and 5 years.
Indian Remounts, Hackneys, and thick-set Cobs.
Also, several well-matched pairs of CARRIAGE and BUGGY HORSES.
EDWARD HIGGENS, PARKINSON, and CO., Muswellbrook, with PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell account THOS. COOK, Esq., as above.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.
FRIDAY, 13th MAY, 1904.
350 CHOICE DAIRY, FAT AND STORE CATTLE. 350
WEAVER and PERRY will sell by auction, as above, at their Newmarket Saleyards, St. Marys, on FRIDAY, 13th MAY, at 12.30 p.m. sharp,
350 CHOICE DAIRY, FAT AND STORE CATTLE, comprising:—
10 choice Milch Cows and Forward Springers.
50 superior Dairy Heifers, Forward Springers, from 2 to 4 weeks off calving.
20 Jersey Heifers, 2 to 2½ years old.
130 high-class Dairy Heifers, 2 to 2½ years old.
30 bullocks, 3 and 4 years old.
90 Steers, 1 to 2 years old.
10 Cows and Calves.
10 Prime Fat Cows, from local paddocks.
N.B.—Train leaves Sydney for St. Marys at 10.15 a.m. on morning of sale.
All the above cattle are in very forward condition, and will be found a particularly good lot. Competent Drovers in attendance at the yards. Cattle can be trucked or shipped to suit buyers' requirements.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
MONDAY NEXT, MAY 2,
At 11 o'clock.
ON THE PREMISES,
CORNER CARLTON-STREET and EASTERN-AVENUE, KENSINGTON.
Steam Tram Stops at Door, and 4 minutes' Walk from Electric Tram.
THE SUPERB and UP-TO-DATE FURNISHINGS and APPOINTMENTS OF A LARGE FAMILY RESIDENCE,
containing
EXTENDED DRAWING, DINING, HALL, BREAKFAST, and SEWING ROOMS.
2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS and the FURNISHINGS of SEVERAL SINGLE DO., COMPLETE.
2 BEAUTIFUL and EQUAL TO NEW PIANOFORTES.
A LOVELY BOUDOIR GRAND,
in Solid Rosewood Case, with full metallic frame, possessing all the attributes of a hundred-guinea instrument, by the world-famed makers, COLLARD and COLLARD.
Also
A MASSIVE UPRIGHT GRAND,
with extended ivory keyboard, solid iron frame, in charming Burr Walnut Case, new within a year, the eminent maker, Dohler.
LOVELY BIJOU DRAWING SUITE, handsomely carved, solid Walnut Frames, Upholstered in Rich Tapestry.
ROSEWOOD, WALNUT, and BAMBOO OCCASIONAL FURNITURE.
BEAUTIFUL SADDLEBAG DIVAN CHAIR.
ROYAL AXMINSTER 5-FRAME BRUSSELS and VELVET PILE CARPETS, sizes 12 x 13, 12 x 10.6, 7.6 x 10.6, 8 x 8.
About 15 Beautiful HEARTH and FLOOR RUGS.
SOLID BRASS COAL VASE and SCOOP.
Some very Valuable Oil Paintings, Steel Engravings, Etchings, and Sepias, signed by Notable Artists.
14 PAIRS RICH CURTAINS in Madras, Guipure, Real Lace, Art Serge, etc., all attached to Brass Cornice Poles and Fittings.
LARGE OVAL PIER GLASS in Gilt Frame, Walnut Overmantels.
RARE and COSTLY ORNAMENTS.
THE DINING-ROOM IS WELL APPOINTED, including a very Superior and well-made BLACKWOOD and REAL LEATHER SUITE of 9 pieces, equal to new; 8 x 4 EXTENSION DINING TABLE, with 2 spare leaves and patent screw.
Superior 5ft Sideboard, with canopy top, bev. mirrors, beautifully carved.
Large 3-Tier Spanish Mahogany Dinner Waggon.
Best Linoleum, planned to room about 28 x 13, carpet pattern, equal to new.
Table Plate and Cutlery, Tea, Dinner, and Dessert Services.
Hall Carpets, 2 superior Hall Stands, with Rouge Marble Slab and Bev. Mirrors.
In the Breakfast Room will be found a very superior Dining Suite, in Walnut and Real Leather.
Breakfast Table and Chairs, Carpet, with Felt Border.
Beautiful Cedar Writing Desk, fitted with drawers, pigeon holes, etc., etc.
7-Drawer latest improved SINGER SEWING MACHINE, with all parts.
Latest Singer Hand Do.
Couches, Lounges, Pot Plants, Pictures, Bookcase, etc.
No. 1 BEDROOM
Contains a Beautiful SUITE, in Walnut, the Wardrobe being fitted with 7 large drawers, millinery cupboards, large robing compartment; the Washstand having pedestal, drawers, cupboards, large swing mirror, and rouge marble slab, with large Dressing Table, en suite; all beautifully decorated with bev. mirrors, heavily brass mounted, and carved.
Superior French China Set Ware, hand painted.
Large pillared 8-drawer Cedar Chest, unique design, Combination Chest.
Superior Brass-mounted Double Bedstead, fitted with Lethé raised end wire and damask kapok set.
Floor Covering, H. Rugs, etc.
No. 2 contains
A Charming and Roomy Suite, with octagon mirrors, all bev., drawers, marble slab, etc., etc.
Heavy 4ft 6in Bedsteads, with new wire and horse hair bedding.
Couches, Lounges, Easy Chairs, etc.
No. 3 is a ¾ Room, well furnished throughout, as above.
Single Room complete, with ½ Tester, Chests Drawers, W'stands, and Wire.
The KITCHEN and LAUNDRY have all the APPURTENANCES of a well-appointed home, including a
407 WRIGHT'S EUREKA GAS STOVE,
Enclosed Glass Sliding-door Dresser,
Also, White Pine Dresser,
Clear Pine Tables, Chairs,
Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.
First-class 2-Roller Mangle,
Oak Imperial Ice Chest.
Also,
A LADY'S and GENT.'S BICYCLE,
in perfect order, the gent.'s being the best Stern's Racer.
Also,
A SPORTING PONY, SULKY, AND HARNESS.
The Sulky and Harness are Nickle Mounted, to order. The pony is fast, a champion goer; as quiet as a sheep.
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell, under instructions from the Owner, who is obliged, on account of failing health, to take an extended tour.
CATALOGUES in course of preparation, and may be had on the premises on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, when the house will be on view from 2 till 5 o'clock; or at the offices of the Auctioneers,
417 PITT-STREET, HAYMARKET.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP,
On the Premises,
BRIDGE-STREET, ERSKINEVILLE,
near Erskineville Railway Station.
WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with P.G. Backs.
LEATHER UPHOLSTERED DINING-ROOM SUITE.
WALNUT OVERMANTELS, Austrian Furniture, Carpets, Linoleum, Ornaments, Pictures, Vases, RATTAN FURNITURE, E.P. WARE, CLOCKS, BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE ½ TESTER BEDSTEADS, COMBINATION CHESTS, Duchesse Pairs, Toiletware, HOUSEHOLD AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
BARNARD AND CO.
will sell by auction as above,
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices: 74 Castlereagh-street,
THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
THE UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. G. R. M'Kay, of George-street, Camperdown.
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.
To the Residents of ROCKDALE and District.—THIS DAY, at 2.30 o'clock, on the Premises, cor. Bestic and Farr streets, Rockdale, a small, well-assorted Stock of Groceries, Haberdashery, etc. Also, the Furniture of 3 rooms, Couches, Tables, Bedsteads and Bedding, Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables, and Kitchen Utensils, etc.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Mrs. Johnston to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 2.30 o'clock, the whole of her Stock of GROCERIES, also the FURNITURE.
*** PREMISES to LET. Rent, 12s 6d weekly.

BATCHELOR and CO., GENERAL AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS (C. W. Maddock, auctioneer), OXFORD-STREET (opp. Riley-street).
OUTDOOR SALES CONDUCTED (lowest rates).
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Pianos, and Merchandise.
LIBERAL ADVANCES. Valuations for Probate.
PROMPT SETTLEMENTS.
Tel., 346 William-street.
THIS DAY (Wednesday), 10 o'clock sharp, on the Premises, No. 2 Steele-st, off Devonshire-st), near Riley-st, Unreserved Sale of Furniture.
BATCHELOR and CO. (C. W. Maddock, Auctioneer) will sell as above. Auctioneers' Offices, Oxford-square, Oxford-st. Tel., 346 William-st.

BY ORDER OF THE CURATOR.
J. T. JONES will sell THIS DAY (Wednesday) at 11, at 26 Pearl-street, off Alice-street, Newtown, in the Estate of Joshua Wright, deceased, Household Furniture, Trunks, Clothing, Tools, and Sundries. No Reserve.
Auctioneer's Offices, 122 Redfern-street, Redfern.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Auction Sale Choice Trees, Plants, Shrubs, Annuals, Bulbs, etc. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE. In the Rooms, 30 and 32 Junction-street, North Sydney, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), at 11 o'clock. D. J. M'INTYRE and CO., Auctioneers. Tel., 44 N.S.

MANLY. — THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
At OPHIR, NORTH STEYNE, Manly,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
J. HANSON and CO., Auctioneers.

THIS DAY, APRIL 27th, at 11 a.m.
In the BANKRUPT ESTATE of E. PAMPLIN.
GROCERIES and SUNDRIES.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell at his ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST., as above.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

C. J. TURNER Sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, at 1.30 TO-DAY, a Big Lot of Pure-bred POULTRY, all Breeds. Worth your visit and bid for something good.

PRODUCE SALES.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—MARSUPIAL and OPOSSUM SKINS: At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 9.30 a.m.

LEATHER SALES.—SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY at the Stores of HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Ltd., and WINCHCOMBE, CARSON, and CO., Ltd., at 11 a.m.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will sell by auction, TO-DAY, at the Macquarie-place Saleroom, at 9.30 a.m.,
Marsupial and Opossum SKINS.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN DESIROUS OF PURCHASING ARTISTIC FURNITURE, LOVERS OF THE FINE ARTS, MUSICIANS, and Others.
FINE FURNITURE.
ARTISTIC HOME SURROUNDINGS.
MOST ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.
Under Instructions from
J. C. W. NICHOLSON, ESQ.,
in consequence of relinquishing housekeeping, the whole of the
VERY VALUABLE FURNITURE
and
RECHERCHE APPOINTMENTS
of his Residence,
GLENORA, EDGECLIFF-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA.
*** THE FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS of GLENORA are in exquisite taste.
*** FULL PARTICULARS appeared in earlier advertisements.
ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE (LATE LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.) have been favoured with instructions from J. C. W. NICHOLSON, Esq., to conduct the important Sale by Auction, at his Residence, as above.

RANDWICK.
ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
TO-MORROW,
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1904,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
Under instructions from
A. S. JOHNSTON, ESQ.
THE VALUABLE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS of his VILLA RESIDENCE, EARNSLAW,
DUTRUC-STREET, RANDWICK,
comprising:—
DINING-ROOM and DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE of very superior manufacture.
AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.
MASSIVE WALNUT SIDEBOARD,
fitted with Bevelled Mirror Back, carved pediment and side pillars, fitted with plate drawers, cellarette, and cupboards, with carved panel doors, size 5ft.
BLACKWOOD DINING-ROOM SUITE,
upholstered in Leather, 9 pieces.
DINING TABLE, with patent screw and spare leaves.
MAHOGANY CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,
upholstered in rich silk Tapestry, 5 pieces.
VALUABLE BECHSTEIN PIANOFORTE,
A first-class Instrument, in Rosewood and Marqueterie case, almost new, and in excellent preservation.
OCCASIONAL TABLES AND CHAIRS.
CHOICE ORNAMENTS AND PICTURES.
RATTAN LOUNGES AND CHAIRS.
BLACK AND BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, complete.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
EUREKA GAS STOVE.
SPECIAL NOTE.—The furnishings and appointments of EARNSLAW are practically new, and in splendid preservation. They were personally selected by Mr. JOHNSTON within the last nine months.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE (LATE LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.) have been favoured with instructions from A. S. JOHNSTON, Esq., to conduct the Important Sale by Auction at his Residence, as above.
ON VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, from 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon till 5 p.m.

VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT COLLECTION of
HOTHOUSE PLANTS,
removed from the residence,
ELYSTAN, TRELAWNEY-STREET, WOOLLAHRA,
under instructions from
JAMES MARKS, Esq.
To be sold by Auction
at
THE AUCTION ROOMS OF
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE
128-130 PITT-STREET (near King-street),
TO-MORROW,
THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
APRIL 28th, at THREE O'CLOCK.
The Collection Includes
RARE AND VALUABLE
ORCHIDS.
Augraecum, Sesquipedale, Phalaenopsis, Schillerina. Collection of Dendrobiums and Cattleyas.
Hot-House Plant Sprodgenl. Dephen Bachia, Pandanas Veitchii Adiantums, Anthuriums, Choice Asparagus Ferns, Collection of Palms, Caladiums,
Etc., Etc.
*** The HOT-HOUSES at ELYSTAN are well known. Mr. MARKS'S GARDENER has exhibited at all the IMPORTANT HORTICULTURAL SHOWS, and has been awarded SEVERAL FIRST PRIZES.
*** ON VIEW THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON and THURSDAY MORNING NEXT prior to Sale.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE (late Lawson, Caro, and Co., Ltd.), have received instructions from JAMES MARKS, Esq., to sell by auction as above.

IMPORTANT COLLECTION
of
WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS
by
EMINENT ENGLISH ARTISTS.
HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION
on
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4,
AT 2.30 O'CLOCK AFTERNOON.
At
THE AUCTION ROOMS OF
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128, 130 PITT-STREET (near King-street),
under instructions from
MRS. FLETCHER-JOHNSTON.
*** Connoisseurs and Collectors of Fine Watercolour Drawings should find the Sale of this charming collection of special interest. THE FOLLOWING EMINENT ENGLISH ARTISTS ARE REPRESENTED:—
R. A. K. MARSHALL, PAUL MARNEY,
T. INDONI, R.I., C. CATTERMOLE, R.I.,
H. JOHNSTON, R.I., A. W. WEEDEN, R.I. and R.B.A.,
JAMES CAFE, F. R. ALDRIDGE
(Members of the Dudley Gallery),
E. ST. JOHN, H. RABOURNE,
SEYMOUR WILSON, F. WILLIS,
and others.
*** CATALOGUES may be had from the Auctioneers, or will be posted on application.
*** ON VIEW TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction as above.

REDFERN.
THIS DAY, APRIL 27th, AT 11 A.M.,
at
67 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, REDFERN.
Under instructions from
E. W. CANNON, Esq.,
prior to his departure for Europe.
The whole of his
SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
Drawing and Dining Suites, Sideboard, Tables, Overmantels, Whatnots, Canterbury, Pictures, Ornaments, Glassware and China, Bedroom Suites, Double, Three-quarter, and Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Chest Drawers, Comb. Chests, Toilets and Ware, Linoleums, Carpets, Curtains, etc., etc. Kitchen Utensils etc., etc.
GAS STOVE, almost new.
SYDNEY DAVIS,
AUCTIONEER,
3 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS. Tel., 2157.

TO ENGINEERS AND THE IRON TRADES GENERALLY.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
ON FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 29,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.
By order of ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-buildings, acting on behalf of the Trustees in the Assigned Estate of Messrs. POPE, MAHER, and CO., ENGINEERS and BRIDGE BUILDERS, MORPETH, NEW SOUTH WALES.
JAMES COWAN,
MACHINERY AUCTIONEER,
has been favoured with instructions to conduct the above Important Auction Sale of MACHINERY and STOCK at the BRANCH WORKS, MORPETH, adjoining the NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP CO.'S WHARF.
***CATALOGUES are in course of preparation, and will be forwarded to intending purchasers.
***INTENDING Purchasers will please bear in mind that owing to the NEWCASTLE SHIPPING COMPANY'S WHARF adjoining the above WORKS Goods can be taken direct to SHIP'S SLINGS by PRIVATE TRAMWAY, thereby saving cartage.
TERMS, CASH.
Auctioneer's Offices: 266 Pitt-street. Tel., 742.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., at 632 Harris-street, Ultimo,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
comprising—
Bedsteads and Bedding, Wire Mattresses, Chest Drawers, Washstands and Ware, Austrian Chairs, Couches, Overmantel, Tables, Pictures, Glassware, Crockery, Cooking Utensils, Scales and Weights, Counter, Shelving, Traps, Icecream Machine, &c, &c.
NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2 o'clock.—H. LEVY sells by Auction at 133 Regent-street, Quantity Furniture, Tables, Chairs, Couches, Safes, Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, Crockery, Sundries. NO RESERVE.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 11 A.M.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.
VERY VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE,
REALLY SPLENDID APPOINTMENTS
at
WOODLANDS, 17 CHURCH-STREET, CROYDON,
First Large Residence on left, off Croydon-road.
TO BE SUBMITTED TO PUBLIC AUCTION WITHOUT RESERVE owing to vendor, W. Pearse, Esq., leaving the District.
SPLENDID WINKELMANN PIANOFORTE,
in lovely Walnut and Gold Case, and perfect every way. Mr. Pearse paid 60 guineas for this fine Piano, and buyers of a really good Upright Grand Model will do well to inspect it this afternoon.
THE DINING FURNITURE is in Solid Walnut, of best Manufacture, and every lot throughout is in splendid order.
8ft SOLID WALNUT TABLE, with pat. screw.
6ft SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD (A. Harden and Son).
A SUPERB DINING SUITE OF TEN CHAIRS.
VALUABLE SET 3 MANTEL BRONZES.
BLACK MARBLE TIMEPIECE, a beauty.
VALUABLE LOT VERY SUPERIOR SILVER PLATE, CUTLERY, CURTAINS, COVERS, GRAND LINOLEUM, WALNUT OVERMANTEL, PICTURES OF VALUE, MAGNIFICENT SET OF FOUR DISH-COVERS.
*** THE DRAWING-ROOM is Beautifully Furnished, Everything of a most Tasteful, Up-to-Date Character.
A MAGNIFICENT WALNUT OVERMANTEL.
VERY CHARMING PAINTINGS and BRIC-A-BRAC.
LUXURIOUS SADDLE-BAG SUITE of Couch and [illegible] Divan Chairs.
REAL ROSEWOOD FANCY CHAIRS in Splendid Tapestries, etc.
VERY VALUABLE CURTAINS and ART DRAPERIES.
A MAGNIFICENT BRUSSELS CARPET, etc.
WINKELMANN PIANOFORTE, good as new.
*** The Auctioneers recommend this Instrument to any looking for a good and handsome Piano.
HALL FURNITURE. SOLID WALNUT HALLSTAND, SOLID OAK HAT STAND, TIMEPIECE and BAROMETER, specially good.
FINEST LINOLEUM, and other good Lots.
BREAKFAST ROOM APPOINTMENTS.
IN SOLID OAK 5ft SIDEBOARD, 6ft TABLE, [illegible] CHEST, and EXCELLENT GENERAL REQUISITES.
*** THE VERY SUPERIOR APPOINTMENTS OF BEDROOMS, London made, 3-WING SUITE in [illegible] Solid Walnut, that must be seen to be appreciated.
GRAND BEDSTEADS and BEST BEDDING.
COMPLETE APPOINTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS ROOMS.
SUPERIOR WHITE WOOD LOTS and REQUISITES, Verandah and Lawn Lots, Green's Mower, Lady's [illegible], Rapid Mower, Barrow, etc.
Large Pigeon House, Garden Seat, etc.
THE RESIDENCE WILL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION FROM 10 A.M. THIS MORNING.
Descriptive Book Catalogues Obtainable at Woodlands or at the Offices of the Auctioneers.
MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, BURWOOD-ROAD, BURWOOD STATION.

MOSMAN.
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 28th APRIL, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
ON THE PREMISES, WOOLNOTH, GLOVER-STREET, OFF MILITARY AND COWLES ROADS.
THE RESIDENCE OF G. HAMILTON HAMMON, Esq., THE WELL-KNOWN ARTIST.
THE WHOLE OF HIS FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising—
Piano, in Walnut Case, by Ressner, Drawing-room Cabinets, and the Appointments of a 6-roomed Cottage, also Silver and E.P. Ware, Bronzes, Ornaments, Graphophones and Records, Cockatoo (good Talker), and upwards of 40 Pictures, in Water Colours, Proof Etchings, Black and White Studies of local, New Zealand, and other scenery, from the brush of Mr. Hammon, who has the honour of Vice-Regal Patronage for his excellent Black and White Work.
NOTE.—Woolnoth was recently refurnished with the object of letting, but is now sold.
CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Auctioneers, 78 Walker-st, North Sydney, have been instructed by Mr. Hammon, who is leaving the State, to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.
ON VIEW TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Morning of Sale.
CATALOGUES on application.

NORTH SYDNEY.
FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, AT 11 O'CLOCK, ON THE PREMISES,
ALSTON, 24 CAMPBELL-STREET, MILSON'S POINT.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
Comprising—
Pianoforte in Walnut Case, by Carl Hoffman, in good condition, Super. St'ned Bookcase, Handsome [illegible] Beaconsfield Wardrobe, Tables, Aus. Chairs, Combination Chests Drawers, Bedsteads and Bedding, Washstands and Ware, Wall Cabinets, Cutlery, China, Ornaments, Pictures, E. P. Ware, Kerosene Lamps, Cabinet Bath, Quantity of Household Linen, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, etc, etc.
CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, AUCTIONEERS, 78 WALKER-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, have been instructed by Mrs. Bardwell, who is relinquishing housekeeping, to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.
MONSTER SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), at 11 o'clock, No. 12 CASTLEREAGH-ST, opp. W. BROOKS and CO.
The above extensive premises are being demolished, and will be sold in lots to suit buyers, comprising 40,000 Sandstock Bricks, 10,000 Machine, 300 perch of Dressed Freestone Basecourse, 600 sq. yards Flagging, a prime lot; 500 Slabs, 250 Sheets Gal. Iron, 5 to 9 ft lengths, equal to new, 7000ft H'wood Joists, 8 x 2½, 6 x 2½, 4 x 3, 4 x 2, 3000ft H'wood Flooring Boards, 1500ft Lining, 30 Box Frames and Sashes, 25 Panel and Ledge Doors, Front Entrance Doors, Casements, Jambs, Architraves, Register Grates and Mantels, Water and Gas Piping, *** 2 Iron Strongroom Doors, with Frames complete, and hosts of Sundries, etc.
A. BARNETT has received instructions from Mr. CROKER to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

IMPERATIVE AND TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
of
VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
2 PIANOFORTES, etc., etc., etc.
AT 141 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY,
on
FRIDAY NEXT, 29th APRIL,
at 11 o'clock sharp.
*** 2 MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOS, [illegible] Walnut Cases, full iron frames, and possessing all modern improvements.
*** THE CHARMING FURNISHINGS OF DRAWING-ROOM, comprising Suite of 7 pieces, elegantly upholstered, Walnut Cabinet, modern design, with bevelled mirrors.
Large Assortment of Dresden Vases and Ornaments.
Large number of exquisite Etchings and Art Pictures.
14 Lovely Mirrors, all sizes, framed in the most expensive mouldings, etc., etc.
*** These Mirrors should command attention.
SUBSTANTIAL DINING FURNITURE.
SIDEBOARD, 5ft, 9-piece Dining Suite, Lino., Best quality.
Electroplated Ware and Cutlery.
Dinner and Tea Services.
MAGNIFICENT 3-WING BEDROOM SUITE.
Axminster Carpet and Rugs, Lino, Squares, 2 Magnificent Brass-mounted Bedsteads, fitted with the best Sanitary and Kapok Mattresses.
5 Beautiful Marcella Quilts, 10 pairs Blankets, 10 pairs Linen Sheets, Bolster and Pillow Slips, Mosquito Nets.
Pair Walnut Duchesse Toilets, T. Sets.
Curtains and Window Drapery.
Iron Safe.
Kitchen Dresser, Kitchen Safe, Cheffonier.
Gas Stove (Eureka), 410, in good order.
Boiler, Saucepans, etc., etc., etc., etc.
A. BARNETT has received imperative instructions to clear every line, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

WAVERLEY.
BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.
GIGANTIC SALE BY AUCTION,
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 30, at 2.30,
ON THE SITE OF DEMOLITION,
WAVERLEY HOUSE, near the TEA GARDENS and opposite the BONDI JUNCTION.
That well-known and extensive House is being demolished, and will be sold in Lots to suit purchasers, and comprises—
1000 perch of Free Stone, all dimensions, sizes.
30,000 Sandstock Bricks, a fine lot.
5000ft H. Wood Joists, 8 x 2½, 6 x 3, 5 x 2½.
2500ft H. Wood Rafters, 4 x 2½, 4 x 3. Collar Ties.
4000ft H. Wood Flooring Boards, 6 x 1.
1800ft Partition and Lining Boards, French Casements, Box Frames and Sashes, Panel Doors and Jambs complete.
Cedar Folding Partitions, Register Grates, and Mantels, Cast Iron Balcony Railing, Verandah Posts, Baths, Water and Gas Piping, Taps, and hosts sundries.
A. BARNETT has received instructions from the Contractor to sell as above, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO DRAPERS, CLOTHIERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, etc.
At the Salerooms, 7 Wynyard-street,
THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), at 11.
14 Pkgs. GENERAL DRAPERY, comprising Velveteens, Flannels, Blankets, Rugs, Costumes, Underwear, Shirts, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Indent Stock of Manufacturers' Samples.
M. GOULSTON AND CO., AUCTIONEERS.

HEREFORD-ST., near Glebe-rd.—ALLOTMENTS [illegible] Saturday, Lithos., B. and W., Ltd.

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AUCTION SALES.

DARLING POINT.

MONA ESTATE.

FRONTAGES TO NEW SOUTH HEAD-ROAD,

DARLING POINT.

MONA AND BEACH ROADS,

AND THE

CABLE TRAM LINE.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,

AT 3 O'CLOCK,

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1904.

AUCTIONEERS (in conjunction) { RAINE AND HORNE. RICHARDSON AND WRENCH.

SOLICITORS TO THE ESTATE, MESSRS. NORTON, SMITH, & CO.

DARLING POINT.
MONA ESTATE.
MONA HOUSE and GROUNDS
and
MONA TERRACE, of 4 HOUSES,
For AUCTION on the GROUND
NEXT SATURDAY.

RAINE and HORNE, and RICHARDSON and WRENCH, AUCTIONEERS in Conjunction.

Under instructions from the Executors in a Deceased Estate.

MOSMAN.
ROCKINGHAM, in RAGLAN-STREET, close to the Military-road.

A WELL-BUILT COTTAGE RESIDENCE and Grounds, built of brick on massive stone foundations, tiled roof, tiled verandah, and containing large entrance hall, 2 sitting-rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom fitted with lavatory, etc., and laundry.
The House is finished throughout with all modern conveniences, connected with sewer.
The LAND has a frontage of about 92ft 8½in to the north side of RAGLAN-STREET, by a depth of 277ft, varying to 200ft 5in.
The Grounds are well laid-out in garden, tennis court, etc.

This property has a very attractive appearance, and is in one of the best positions in this popular suburb, and has the advantage of a good area of land.
TORRENS TITLE.

MOSMAN.
At the corner of MISTRAL-AVENUE and CALYPSO-AVENUE.
TRANMERE.
A TWO-STOREY RESIDENCE, lower portion of brick, upper of shingles, Swiss style of architecture, tile roof, and containing large entrance hall, 2 sitting-rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, bathroom, pantries, etc. Connected with the sewer.
The LAND has a frontage of 102ft 11½in to MISTRAL-AVENUE, by a depth of 201ft 8in along CALYPSO-AVENUE, varying to 151ft 9in, with 90ft 7in on the rear line.
The Grounds are well laid-out in garden, lawns, etc.
The house is substantially built and has an imposing appearance. It is CONVENIENT TO THE FERRY and commands extensive views of the harbour.
TORRENS TITLE.

NEUTRAL BAY.
Nos. 26, 28, 30, and 32 YEO-STREET, at the corner of WATSON-STREET.

FOUR COMPACT COTTAGES,
comprising 2 SEMI-DETACHED COTTAGES, built of brick, on stone foundations, slate roofs, and containing hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, etc. Let at 10s per week each.
TWO DETACHED COTTAGES, built of brick, on stone foundations, slate roofs, containing hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, and bathroom. Rental 13s per week each.
TOTAL RENTAL, £122 4s p.a.
The LAND has a frontage of about 120ft to YEO-STREET by a depth of 98ft 2in along WATSON-STREET.
TITLE, LEASEHOLD.
A SUPERIOR INVESTMENT PROPERTY.
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE AND HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

STANMORE.
"RODANTHE," No. 20 MARSHALL-STREET, opposite Mr. Hatte's Residence.

SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT TWO-STORY RESIDENCE, cemented and painted, side and front balconies, tiled porch. The House contains entrance hall, seven large rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, etc.
THE LAND has a frontage of 30ft to the west side of Marshall-street by a depth of 90ft through to Denning-street at rear. TITLE FREEHOLD.
The House is well built and of attractive appearance. It is surrounded by superior residences, and in convenient to the STANMORE RAILWAY STATION.

CAMPERDOWN.
TERRACE FIVE HOUSES,
8, 10, 12, 14, 16 JUNCTION-STREET.
Built of brick, cemented and painted fronts, iron roof, containing 3 rooms, kitchen, bath.
LAND 101ft by a depth of 59ft 8in, and 57ft 5½in on the rear line. Rentals, £117 per annum.
TORRENS TITLE.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, 1904, at the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

VENDORS' SOLICITOR, A. W. FREEMAN, Esq., 117 Pitt-street.

PADDINGTON.
GREEN'S-ROAD and IRIS-STREET.
THE LAND has a frontage of about 297 feet to GREEN'S-ROAD by a depth through to IRIS-STREET, to which it also has a frontage of about 297ft.
On the GREEN'S-ROAD frontage are erected—
Nos. 49 to 85, known as BARTLETT'S TERRACE, comprising 19 Houses, all built of brick and stone, cemented and painted in front, iron roofs, balconies in front, and each containing half-hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse. No. 85 has also Brick Stable, with loft above, iron roof.
On the IRIS-STREET frontage are erected 25 Houses, known as
CANON'S TERRACE, Nos. 1 to 49 IRIS-STREET, built of brick and stone, iron roof, balconies in front. Nos. 1 to 47, each containing 4 rooms and kitchen. No. 49 is a Shop, with awning in front, and contains Shop, 3 rooms, and kitchen.
TOTAL RENTS: £1432 12s per annum.
The title is Leasehold, the lease being for 99 years, from April 1, 1881, at a ground rent of £252 9s per annum. A good investment property.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

VENDORS' SOLICITOR, A. W. FREEMAN, Esq., 117 Pitt-street.

WOOLLAHRA,
BELLEVUE HILL ESTATE, KILGOA-STREET.
BRICK COTTAGE RESIDENCE,
on brick foundations, tiled roof, verandah on two sides, containing large entrance hall, drawing-room, dining-room, breakfast-room, 5 bedrooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, pantries, FINISHED THROUGHOUT in the BEST MODERN STYLE. Built under supervision of an Architect.
Land has a frontage of 51ft to Kilgoa-street by a depth of 157ft.
TORRENS TITLE.
This property occupies an exceptionally good position, commands extensive views, and is convenient to the tram.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION on THURSDAY, the 5th MAY, 1904, at the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

DARLINGHURST.
Nos. 26 and 28 BURTON-STREET, close to Oxford-st.
TWO SEMI-DETACHED BRICK HOUSES,
Stone foundations, verandah and balconies, each 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom.
Land, 25ft x 58ft. Rentals, £93 12s.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-st., on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEES.
STRATHFIELD.
At the corner of WOODSIDE-AVENUE and WENTWORTH ROAD,
GRETCHFIELD,
A SUPERIOR COTTAGE RESIDENCE, built of brick, tiled verandah, cavity walls, and containing drawing-room, dining-room, sitting-room, 4 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, bathroom, with hot water service, pantries, etc.
Detached from the house is a LARGE BUILDING of weatherboard, tiled roof, suitable for a BALL OR BILLIARD ROOM; also Sheds, etc.
THE LAND has a frontage of about 70ft to WOODSIDE-AVENUE, by a depth of about 191ft 3½in along WENTWORTH-ROAD on one side, and on the other one of about 188ft 10in; the width at rear is 68ft 9in.
The Grounds are tastefully laid out in flower garden, shrubbery, fernery, etc.
The Cottage is exceedingly well built, and finish throughout, and fitted with all modern conveniences.

RAINE and HORNE have been instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, at 11.30 a.m.

Mortgagees' Solicitor, HENRY SALWEY, Esq.

CHATSWOOD.
At the corner of Archer-street and Albert-avenue.
ATTRACTIVE BRICK COTTAGE, known as TOLARNO,
on brick foundations, tile roof, cavity walls, and containing 6 rooms, hall, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse, fitted with every convenience, connected with sewer.
The LAND has a frontage of about 50ft to ARCHER-STREET by a depth of about 150ft along ALBERT-AVENUE. Well laid-out garden. The property is well situated, convenient to the Railway Station, and is surrounded by superior residences. TORRENS TITLE.
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE AND HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

By order of
THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, LTD.,
TRUSTEES in the Estate of the late EDWARD LORD, BOTANY.

TWO VALUABLE BLOCKS OF LAND,
fronting BOTANY-ROAD,
and adjoining the Roman Catholic Church, comprising part of Lot 42 of Subdivision of Simeon Lord's 600-acre Grant.

LOT A has an area of about 1r 3½p, being a triangular Block, with a frontage to BOTANY-ROAD.
LOT B has an area of 3a 3r 30p, with a large frontage to the BOTANY-ROAD, and 22½ perches east of R. C. Church.

FREEHOLD TITLE.

These Blocks are well situated on the Main Road, in the centre of the Township, adjoining the Roman Catholic Church, and well adapted for subdivision into BUSINESS, FACTORY, or RESIDENTIAL SITES.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, 1904, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE AND HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

COBARGO.
600 ACRES of AGRICULTURAL and GRAZING LAND.
21 Miles from BERMAGUI,
known as GEORGE HILL'S FARM,
comprising 527 acres of Crown Purchase, on which all conditions have been fulfilled, and 166 acres conditions partly carried out. Divided into 14 paddocks.
The improvements consist of Dairyman's Cottage, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, dairy, milking sheds, stockyards, stables, barn, calf shed, etc.
About 200 acres are good, rich land, the balance fair grazing, good soil.
The Timber is box and stringy bark.
The Illawambra Creek waters the property.
The Farm is occupied by Mr. J. M'VEITY.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION,
in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

IN THE ESTATE HANORAH DUGGAN, Deceased,
ALEXANDRIA, Renwick-street.
Known as RATHMORE, opposite the Church,
WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE, on stone piers, iron roof, 3 Rooms and Kitchen.
Land, 20 x 117ft through to a roadway at rear.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION THURSDAY, 5th MAY, 1904, At the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF
THE HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND, BUILDING, AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LTD.

KOGARAH.
ST. KILDA PARK ESTATE,
SECOND SUBDIVISION,
within easy access of the city by tram and train.
The Estate is splendidly situated, and has frontages to the
ROCKY POINT-ROAD,
and also ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGES to the WATERS OF KOGARAH BAY.

VILLA AND COTTAGE ALLOTMENTS
fronting Northcote-street.
Rawson-street,
and The Promenade,
with extensive views over
KOGARAH BAY AND GEORGE'S RIVER.

Boating, Fishing, and Bathing in the immediate vicinity.

TORRENS TITLE. EASY TERMS.

RAINE and HORNE have been instructed by the HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND, BUILDING, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, LTD., to submit the above attractive Estate
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
ON THE GROUND,
on SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1904,
at 3 p.m.

Free Train and Tram Tickets can be obtained on application to the Auctioneers, or at the Offices of the Vendors.
Vendors' Solicitors: Messrs. SLY and RUSSELL.

KILLARA.
POWELL-STREET, HANDY TO STATION.
2-STORIED RESIDENCE, built of Brick and W.B., containing 8 rooms, kitchen, pantry, laundry, wood and coal shed. Land 90 x 450 (nearly 1 acre). Title TORRENS.
HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m., as above.

LEICHHARDT.
Corner PERRY and FRASER STREETS
(Top of Norton-street).
For ABSOLUTE SALE. 3 mins. from Tram Terminus. BRICK and W.B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, bathroom, washhouse, and shed. Land 157ft to Perry-street by depth along Fraser-street of 60ft, other line 150ft. Torrens Title.
HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, on THURSDAY, 5th MAY, at 11.30 a.m., as above.

HORNSBY.
BRIDGE-STREET, 3 MINUTES FROM STATION.
CHARMING COTTAGE RESIDENCE, known as PLOT, substantially built of Brick, cavity walls, slate roof, and containing drawing and dining rooms, each 16 x 14, breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, laundry, fixed tubs and copper, gas, and water.
LAND, 1 ac. 10½ per., nicely laid out in lawns, flower, fruit, and vegetable gardens.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS, 283 George-street, on THURSDAY, May 5, at 11.30 a.m., THE ABOVE CHOICE PROPERTY.

CHATSWOOD.
THE OAKFIELD ESTATE.
The Highest Point in the District.
To be subdivided into large VILLA LOTS
and offered by Public Auction
EARLY IN MAY.
Frontages to Mowbray-road, &c.,
surrounded by first-class properties.
Extensive views.
NO RESERVE. LONG TERMS.

HUGH DUFF and CO., 283 George-street, and Chatswood, have received instructions to sell the above at an early date. Lithos. being prepared.

THURSDAY, 12th MAY, 1904,
at 12 o'clock.
At the ROOMS, 75 SWANSTON-STREET.

IMPORTANT SALE
of
the well-known ROLLER FLOUR MILL of JAMES GILLESPIE and CO., Ltd., now in Liquidation, situated at
KENSINGTON, and within three miles from the POST OFFICE, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

To Millers, Capitalists, Investors, and others.

C. J. and T. HAM have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by public auction, on THURSDAY, 12th May, 1904, at 12 o'clock, at the Rooms, 75 Swanston-street,
This valuable Property, situated at Kensington, within three miles of the Melbourne Post office, having a fine frontage of 250ft to Elizabeth-street, by a depth of 260ft back to railway siding.

One of the finest and best equipped Flour Mills, formerly built by and until recently carried on by James Gillespie and Co., Ltd, is on the land, consisting of a five-story brick and stone building, on massive foundations, with brick Engine-house, chimney stack 71ft high, extensive corrugated iron shed on brick foundations, and large brick stables. A strong landing stage and platform along the railway frontage affords facilities for the easy and quick handling of grain or goods to and from the building.
Extensive Milling Machinery and Plant is affixed to the Freehold.
The Property will be sold subject to a lease to Messrs. W. S. Kimpton and Son, maturing on 19th October next, with option of three months' extension.
Titles: Certificates may inspected on application to Messrs. Moule, Hamilton, and Kiddle, solicitors, 55 Market-street, Melbourne.
Further particulars obtainable from C. J. and T. Ham, 75 Swanston-street, Melbourne.

*** LITHOGRAPHIC PLANS ARE NOW READY.

SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS.

BY ORDER OF HON. E. W. O'SULLIVAN, MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION APPROACHES.

Having Frontages to
GEORGE-STREET, PITT-STREET,
GIPPS-STREET, RAWSON-PLACE,
ELIZABETH-STREET, CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
and RANDLE-STREET,
ON EITHER SIDE OF THE
NEW CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION.

NOTE.—RAWSON-PLACE, the new artery for traffic between George and Pitt streets, will be 100 FEET WIDE, and the ROUTE FOR TRAMS to the RAILWAY STATION.

1.—The GEORGE, PITT, and GIPPS STREETS AREAS.

SECTION 1 (as per plan).

LOTS 1 to 5.—At the JUNCTION of GEORGE and PITT STREETS. Each block has 20ft frontage to GEORGE-STREET by through depths to PITT-STREET (double frontages, excepting Lot 1, which has 27ft 5½in frontage, with good frontages also to PITT-STREET, and the OPEN SPACE facing South (THREE FRONTAGES, and ONE OF THE BEST SITES IN SYDNEY).

LOT 6.—No. 812 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by Messrs. Coffill and Co. 24ft frontage by a depth of 76ft 11½in.

LOT 7.—No. 810 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by Messrs. Wood and Company. 19ft 6½in frontage by depth of 76ft 11½in (Right-of-Way).

LOT 8.—No. 808 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by the Savings Bank of New South Wales. 19ft frontage by a mean depth of 72ft 1½in, with 10ft right-of-way at rear.

LOT 9.—No. 806 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by Mr. Bass. 19ft 1½in frontage by a mean depth of 69ft 10½in, with 10ft right-of-way at rear.

LOT 10.—No. 804 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by Mr. Martin. 19ft 10½in frontage by a mean depth of 67ft 4½in, to 10ft and 20ft right-of-ways at rear.

LOT 11.—No. 802 GEORGE-STREET, presently occupied by Mr. Wynne. 18ft 6½in frontage by a mean depth of, say, 55ft to 20ft lane at rear.

LOT 12.—The Corner BLOCK OF LAND occupied by Messrs. Osmond, "THE BUTTONHOLE," and others. 77ft frontage to GEORGE-STREET and 65ft to RAWSON-PLACE, by a mean depth of, say, 56ft 4½in, with 20ft right-of-way at rear. THIS IS A FINE BLOCK, AT THE CORNER OF GEORGE-STREET AND RAWSON-PLACE (the NEW TRAM ROUTE TO THE RAILWAY STATION).

LOTS 13 to 20.—Each 20ft frontage to RAWSON-PLACE, by depths ranging from 48ft 2in to 69ft, excepting Lot 20, which has 44ft 7½in frontage to RAWSON-PLACE and 74ft ½in to PITT-STREET.

*** ALL THESE BLOCKS HAVE 20ft LANE AT REAR.

SECTION 2 (as per plan).

LOT 1.—THAT FINE CORNER BLOCK opposite HORDERN'S CORNER, on which stands THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, recently erected by the Government, and presently occupied by Mr. Harry Walters AS A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. The frontages are 43ft 11in to GEORGE-STREET, 105ft 10½in to RAWSON-PLACE (the NEW TRAM ROUTE TO RAILWAY STATION), 100ft WIDE, and 109ft 10½in to GIPPS-STREET, with 20ft lane at rear. THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL is a NEW and UP-TO-DATE BUILDING, WITH HANDSOME ELEVATION, red brick, with stone facings, 3 stories high, and has the following Accommodation:—

BASEMENT.—Complete CELLARAGE.

GROUND FLOOR.—Handsome and very large BAR, well ventilated, WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT, with entrance from Rawson-place, 3 Halls, 3 Parlours, large Ladies' Dining or Refreshment Room, with entrance from Gipps-street, Kitchens, etc., Lavatories, and W.Cs. The Fittings are mostly of cedar, and the halls and dados are tiled in good taste.

FIRST FLOOR.—Large Landing, and area used as a Conservatory. Large Smoking Room, and W.C. Handsome Drawing-room, 6 Bedrooms, Linen Closet, Bathroom and W.C., balcony round lighted area, and well-appointed dining-hall for 120 guests.

SECOND FLOOR.—Well-lighted Landing Area and Hall, 13 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, and W.C.

The Prince of Wales is one of the best appointed Hotels in the State, and the fact of its being erected by the State Architect for the Government is sufficient guarantee of the solidity of the building. Included in this BLOCK are the two Modern Shops fronting RAWSON-PLACE, occupied respectively by Mr. Coffill and Mr. M'Grath.

LOTS 2 to 10 each have 20ft frontage to Rawson-place, 100ft width (excepting Lot 10, which has 25ft 7½in frontage to Rawson-place and 78ft 3½in to Pitt-street), by various depths, to 20ft lane at rear.

LOT 11.—That LARGE BLOCK OF LAND, presently occupied by Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons, —ft frontage to Gipps-street, and extending to lane at rear, covered with good 2-story Brick Buildings, excepting the CORNER (Hordern's Refreshment Rooms), which is 3 stories high.

*** THE PROPERTIES EMBRACED IN THIS AREA (GEORGE, PITT, and GIPPS STREETS) include some of the very best positions in the city, and should command the attention of

TRUSTEES, CAPITALISTS, BUSINESS MEN, AND SPECULATORS.

2.—The ELIZABETH, NEW CASTLEREAGH, and RANDLE STREET AREAS.

SECTION 1 (as per Plan).—

LOTS 1 to 24, fronting NEW CASTLEREAGH-STREET and the TRAMWAY LINE, each 20ft frontage by varying depths to 20ft lane at rear, excepting 5 Blocks of larger frontage, 2 BEING FINE BUSINESS CORNERS.

SECTION 2 (as per Plan).—

LOTS 1 to 14, fronting ELIZABETH and RANDLE STREETS, each about 20ft frontage by varying depths to 20ft lane at rear, EXCEPTING THE TWO CORNER BLOCKS, WHICH ARE GOOD BUSINESS SITES.

***THE SALE OF THESE VACANT BLOCKS, SO CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION AND IN THE WELL-POPULATED PART OF THE CITY, GIVES AN EXCEPTIONAL CHANCE FOR THE ERECTION OF BUSINESS PREMISES AND RESIDENCES.

LITHOGRAPHIC PLANS ARE NOW READY.

HARDIE AND GORMAN
have been instructed
to sell by Public Auction, in conjunction with
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.,
and
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd.,
at the SALEROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
at 11.30 o'clock,
MONDAY, MAY 23, 1904,

The SURPLUS LANDS of the CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION APPROACHES, as above described.

TERMS.—One-fourth cash, balance 1, 2, and 3 years, interest 4 per cent.

LITHOGRAPHIC PLANS ARE NOW READY.

ORDER OF SALE
FOR SHARE AND SUNDRY PROPERTIES,
to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1904,
at 11.30 a.m.

1 Share Civil Service Co-op. Soc.

SURRY HILLS.—Brick Residence, LISTER HOUSE, No. 16 Belmore-street.

CITY.—Splendid Town Residence, No. 45 Phillip-street, close to Bridge-street. (Mortgagee's Sale.)

NEWTOWN.—Land, fronting Maria-street.

BURWOOD.—Brick Shop and Dwelling, fronting Parramatta-road.

RANDWICK.—Cottage, situate at the corner of Bae and Dutruc streets.

BALMAIN.—W.B. Cottage, No. 29 Foucart-street.

MARSDEN PARK.—1⅛ac, Blacktown to Richmond rd, with W.B. Stone Cottage and Orchard.

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE J. C. SHARP, Esq., TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

BALMAIN.
VALUABLE BLOCK OF BUILDING LAND, having 99 feet frontage to MULLENS-STREET, by a depth of 94 feet 6 inches, upon which is a W.B. SHOP and DWELLING, No. 88 MULLENS-STREET, occupied by Mrs. Hodgson.
TORRENS TITLE.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Mr. BENJAMIN JAMES) have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on
WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1904.
The above described Property at BALMAIN.

MOSMAN.
Close to the ferry, with good views, A FINE BUILDING SITE, 88ft to CALLIOPE-STREET x 100ft along ORLANDO-AVENUE, being Lots 1 and 2, sec. C, Gilbert's Grant. TORRENS TITLE. Plan on view.
HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with SLADE and BROWN) have received instructions to sell the above by Public Auction at their Salerooms, at 11.30 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, May 4, 1904.

LOT 1.—DARLINGTON, DETACHED BRICK RESIDENCE, No. 180 ROSE-STREET.
LOT 2.—LEICHHARDT, 3 MODERN BRICK COTTAGES, Nos. 4, 6, and 8 South-avenue, off Catherine-street.
Full particulars in last Saturday's Papers.
AUCTION SALE AT OUR ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET, NEXT WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock.

HARDIE AND GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS.

TO BUILDERS. UNRESERVED SALE.
BUILDING MATERIALS.
Comprised in DWELLINGS Nos 58 and 60 CALEDONIA-STREET, PADDINGTON.
INCLUDING SOME VERY GOOD STONE.
TERMS CASH.
HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by public auction, at their Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1904.

ESTATE OF THOMAS GIBSON, of 42 HARRIS-STREET, BALMAIN, In Bankruptcy.
ALL THE INTEREST (if any) OF WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Esq., Official Assignee, in and to 281 SHARES belonging to the abovenamed Bankrupt in the HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND, BUILDING, and INVESTMENT CO. Ltd.
HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions from WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Esq., to sell the above by public auction, at their Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on
WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1904.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE LATE W. J. TURNER, ESQ.

LANE COVE WATER FRONTAGE.
MAGNIFICENT RESIDENTIAL SITE, overlooking Lane Cove River, and opposite St. Ignatius' College, commanding northerly aspect. The frontage is 125ft to NORTH PARADE (directly opposite end of D'Aram-street), by the large depth of 450ft to the water. On the land is erected a small stone built Cottage of 4 rooms, the residence of the late Mrs. Turner.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions from the Trustees of the late W. J. Turner, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1904,
the above-described Residential Site, situate between the properties of Messrs. Arnott and Weekes.

Solicitors to the Estate: Messrs. Makinson and Plunkett, Elizabeth-street.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS IN THE ESTATE of the late Hon. J. T. TOOHEY, M.L.C.
GLEBE.
CLOSE to GLEBE and PYRMONT BRIDGE ROADS, in a thickly populated locality.
LOT 1. CORNER BLOCK of BUILDING LAND, 105ft frontage to DARGHAN-STREET by 88ft along CARDIGAN-STREET to Lane at rear, being Lots 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, and 5, sec. 8, Lyndhurst College Estate.

LOT 2. BLOCK of BUILDING LAND (at rear of Lot 1), having 115ft 6in frontage to DARLING-STREET by 88ft deep to Lane at rear, being Lots 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, sec. 5, Lyndhurst College Estate.

Plan on View at the Sale Rooms.
HARDIE and GORMAN have received INSTRUCTIONS from the EXECUTORS to sell by public auction, at their Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on
WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1904,
The above-described BUILDING LAND at GLEBE.

TO POULTRY FARMERS, ORCHARDISTS, AND OTHERS.
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.
Under instructions from Mr. W. B. Campbell, who is retiring from business.
NARARA AND GOSFORD,
On the Hawkesbury River, to Newcastle Railway Line.
LOT 1, NARARA (1 mile from Station), 10 ACRES, FRONTING CARRINGTON-ROAD, with COTTAGE of 3 rooms, Packing Shed, Workshop, Stables, Poultry Yards, etc.; 6½ ACRES PLANTED with Fruit Trees, well-trellised Passion Vines, Garden, Paddock, Permanent Water.
LOT 2, NARARA (adjoining Lot 1), 9 ACRES, with RESIDENCE of 7 rooms, verandahs 90 x 8 feet, Workshop, Honey House and Implements, Feed Room, Apiary of 30 Colonies, Orchard, 2 Acres Poultry Runs, Fowlhouses, Poultry, Tanks, Tools, Furniture, etc., Paddock, and 3 Acres Timbered Land.
NOTE.—Lots 1 and 2 would make a very COMPACT ORCHARD, POULTRY FARM, and APIARY.
LOT 3, GOSFORD, Mann-street, close to Station, State Nursery, and A. and H. Society's Grounds, 5 ACRES, with RESIDENCE thereon, 51 x 21, containing 4 Rooms, Workshop, Stable, Coachhouse, Loft, etc., good position for Boarding Establishment. The Land comprises some FINE BUILDING SITES, and would sell well in subdivision. Plan at Rooms.
Full particulars on application to Mr. T. Deasey, Agent, Gosford; or the Auctioneers.
HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with T. DEASEY, of Gosford) have received instructions to sell the above by public auction, at the Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 11.30 o'clock, on
WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1904.
Easy terms can be arranged if desired.

ORDER OF SALE
of
SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be offered at the Rooms,
Stock Exchange-buildings, 113 Pitt-street,
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.

ST. PETERS, Lackey-street, off Church-street.—A Wooden COTTAGE, containing 4 rooms, stables, connected with sewer, land 40 x 100. Torrens. Deceased Estate.

LEICHHARDT, Good position, close to tram, 48 James-street.—A Detached Modern W. B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, large hall, range, bathroom, washhouse, sewer and gas, land 88ft 6in by magnificent depth of 175ft back to Francis-street, where another house could be erected. Torrens title.

TARANA, Western Line, within half a mile of the Station —A first-class PROPERTY, suitable for Boarding-house or Gentleman's Country Residence, constructed of brick, and containing 6 rooms, kitchen, stable, buggy shed, &c, land 16½ acres, 2 acres orchard. Title Freehold.

WILLOUGHBY, Imperative Sale, tram terminus, Sydney-street.—2 Semi-detached Brick COTTAGES, each 8 rooms, kit., hall, laundry, &c, land 40 x 180 to a lane. Freehold. Rentals, 9s 6d each weekly. In conjunction with R. T. Forsyth.

CARLTON, Botany-street.—Excellent position, beautiful views, W. B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, verandah (glassed in), city water, land 40 x 182ft. Freehold.

KOGARAH, South-street, opposite Montgomery-street.—Lots 13 to 22 inclusive of the South Estate, each having 20ft frontage by 120ft deep. Torrens.

ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, AUCTIONEER.

PROPERTIES FOR AUCTION SALE,
SATURDAY NEXT, APRIL 30, AT 3.15,
AT THE ROOMS, 564 DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN.

BALMAIN, Nos. 41 and 43 Harris-street.—Two Brick on Stone COTTAGES, hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, gas, water, and sewer. Rents, £52. Land, 40 x 100. Freehold.
BALMAIN, Pine-street, off Mullens-street, No. 5.—W.B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms and stabling, suitable for vanmen or carrier; land, 69 x 100; Torrens.
BALMAIN, Prince-street, No. 10.—W.B. COTTAGE, contg. hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, sewer; Land, 30 x 70. Freehold.
BALMAIN, Beattie-street, No. 124.—Brick COTTAGE and part Wood, containing hall and 5 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, bath, gas, water, and sewerage; Land, 30 x 200. Torrens Title. Executors' Sale.
BALMAIN, Phillip-street, No. 51.—Superior W.B. COTTAGE, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, bath, gas, well finished; Land, 36 x 100. Torrens.
BALMAIN, Beattie-street, No. 107, adjoining Dispensary.—W.B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse; Land, 33 x 108. Torrens Title.
BALMAIN, corner Beattie and Wisbeach streets.—Splendid BUILDING CORNER, 40 x 100. Freehold.
DRUMMOYNE, Bridge-road, opposite Council-chambers.—Substantial W.B. COTTAGE, contg. 4 rooms, washhouse, stabling. Rent, £31 4s. Land, 30 x 100.
DRUMMOYNE, Cambridge-road, nearly opposite White Horse Hotel.—RESIDENTIAL SITE, having 50ft frontage to Cambridge-road by a depth of 150ft to Havelock-street at the rear. Torrens.
DRUMMOYNE, Lyons-road.—BLOCK of LAND, nearly opposite Thompson-street, 132 x 140. Torrens.
DRUMMOYNE, Broughton-street, opposite Public School.—BLOCK of LAND, 48 x 132. Torrens.

GEORGE CLUBB, AUCTIONEER.

HEREFORD-ST., near Glebe-rd.—ALLOTMENTS next Saturday, Lithos., R. and W., Ltd.

THE FIRST SUBDIVISION SALE OF THE

QUAKER'S HILL ESTATE,

DOUGLAS SIDING,

HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL

SATURDAY NEXT, APRIL 30, 1904.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Redfern on day of sale, at 1.27 p.m., returning at 5.25 p.m. TICKETS issued for 23rd instant will be available for the 30th instant.
Further Tickets now obtainable at the Office of the Auctioneers, 1s each.
APPLY FOR LITHOS; also Book of Views and description of Estate.

THE EASIEST OF TERMS, viz.:
From £5 per Block Deposit, and the balance by monthly payments of £1 per block per month, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. per annum.
THIS ESTATE MUST BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED.

This Estate comprises 1750 acres of fine land, permanently watered, within an hour's run by rail from Sydney.
Workmen's Tickets, 4s 3d per week. Railway Frontages. Blocks from 5 to 25 acres.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.,

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., Ltd., 117 PITT-STREET.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
SALES EFFECTED BY AUCTION OR PRIVATELY.
PROPERTIES LET,
RENTS and INTERESTS, &c., COLLECTED.
ESTATES MANAGED.
Valuations Made for Mortgage, Probate, Selling, and Other Purposes.

SPECIAL Arrangements made for Valuing and Conducting Sales Locally of Country Estates.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

CITY FREEHOLDS,
handy to
NEW RAILWAY STATION.

Lot 1.—CAMPBELL-ST. and MACQUARIE-ST. SOUTH. CORNER BLOCK of PROPERTY, consisting of SHOP and THREE HOUSES, Nos. 96 to 102 Macquarie-street South. They are of brick, cemented and painted, slate and iron roofs. Nos. 96 to 100 have each verandah and balcony, half hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse. No. 102 has awning over footpath, Shop, 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse.
RENTAL, £249 12s PER ANNUM.
LAND, 72ft 7in frontage to Campbell-street and 67ft 8in to Macquarie-street South.

Lot 2.—THREE HOUSES, Nos. 98 to 102, Campbell-street, adjoining No. 1. They are of brick, cemented and painted, verandahs and balconies in front, and each containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse.
RENTAL, £109 4s PER ANNUM.
Land 86ft 8in frontage to Campbell-street, depth 64ft.

Lot 3.—TWO HOUSES, Nos. 104 and 106 Campbell-street, adjoining Lot 2, of brick, cemented and painted, slate roofs, verandahs in front, and each containing 4 rooms and kitchen.
RENTAL, £72 16s PER ANNUM.
Land, 22ft frontage.

Lot 4.—FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 21 to 27, Hunt-street, at rear, of brick, cemented and painted, and each containing 4 rooms.
RENTAL, £101 8s PER ANNUM.
Land, 51ft 10in frontage to Hunt-street.

Lot 5.—THREE HOUSES, Nos. 55, 57, and 59 Brisbane-street, off Oxford-street, at Mark Foy's. They are of brick, cemented, slate roofs, verandahs and balconies, and each containing hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, and kitchen.
Land, 51ft 4in frontage to Brisbane-street.

Lot 6.—THREE HOUSES, Nos. 10, 12, and 14, Upton-street, off Brisbane-street, at side of Lot 5, of brick, cemented, slate roofs, and each containing hall, 5 rooms, and kitchen.
Land, 42ft frontage to Upton-street.

Lot 7.—HOUSE, No. 9 Little Hill-street, at rear of Lot 6. It is of brick, cemented, slate roof, and containing 4 rooms.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by Auction at the Rooms on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, at 11.30 a.m.
The above, between Oxford-street and New Railway Station.

Messrs. DEANE and DEANE are Solicitors of the Mortgagee. (822)

IN THE ESTATE LATE JOHN ROBERTSON.
LOT 1.—STRAWBERRY HILLS, CITY.
A Terrace of six two-story HOUSES, Nos. 30 to 40 JOHN-STREET, off Devonshire-street. They are built of brick (cemented fronts), containing each 4 rooms and shed. Some have balconies in front. Land 75ft 11½in x 45ft 2in on one side, and 38ft 3½in on the other, with an entrance at the rear from Belvoir-street. Torrens Title. RENTAL, £140 8s PER ANNUM.

LOT 2.—LANE COVE RIVER.
TEN ACRES, comprising portion No. 145 (Ry. O'Brien's Grant), Parish of Gordon, fronting the FIDDEN'S WHARF-ROAD and the Reserve, on the WATERS of LANE COVE RIVER. Plan on view at the Rooms. The Land is about 1½ miles from the KILLARA RAILWAY STATION.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, at 11 o'clock,
The above Properties.
Messrs. JONES and JONES, 98 Elizabeth-street, Solicitors to the Estate. (825)

DARLINGTON.
A Few Yards Beyond the City Boundary.
TWO Two-story HOUSES, Nos. 13 and 15 ROSE-STREET, between Cleveland and Ivy streets. They are built of brick, on stone foundation, with verandah in front, and containing each 5 rooms, kitchen, and wash shed, with bathroom on back balcony. Land 30ft x 90ft.
RENTAL, £92 8s PER ANNUM.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, at 11 o'clock.
The above FREEHOLD Property, in the populous suburb of Darlington. Inspection invited. (824)

TO MANUFACTURERS.
LAND, 1 ACRE 4 PERCHES,
WATERLOO, beyond Redfern,
Having 247 feet frontage to Wellington-street, depth one side 362 feet, other line is 438 feet, running to a point. Close to Dowling-street; a position attracting Factories and other Industries. TORRENS TITLE.
The Executors determined to Sell.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 29th APRIL,
at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock,
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. 826

PADDINGTON.
By order of the Trustee in the Estate of late Mrs. M. A. BOWDEN.
SUPERIOR RESIDENCE, called MANILA HOUSE, No. 42 STEWART-STREET, between Gordon and Bent streets, and convenient to Oxford-street tram. It is well built of brick, cemented in front, has verandah and balcony in front, small balcony at rear, and contains hall, drawing and dining rooms (folding doors), 6 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, washshed, with fixed tubs and copper. Lookout on roof, from which a splendid view is obtainable. Gas, city water, sewer connections.
At rear are stabling premises, of wood, with iron roof and concrete floor.
LAND, 20 feet frontage, depth 97 feet, extending to a lane.
Messrs. HOLDSWORTH and SON, Solicitors for Estate.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 29th APRIL,
at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (808)

HARRIS-STREET, ULTIMO,
between Pyrmont Bridge-road and Union-street.
Nos. 208 and 210 Harris-street.—A BAKERY and a two-storied HOUSE.
They are built of brick (cemented fronts); the former contains private entrance, large shops, bakehouse (two ovens), breadroom, flour loft and shed, stable (6 stalls), cartshed, feed loft. The house has verandah, balcony, assembly hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, pantry, shed.
LAND, 48 feet x 100 feet back to Paternoster-row. Title, Leasehold; about 25½ years to run. Ground rental £36 per annum. A well-built property.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 29th APRIL,
at Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (830)

NORTH SYDNEY.
A detached Weatherboard Cottage, fronting KYNGDON-STREET (east side), off West-street, and situate close to Palmer-street. It has verandah in front, and contains 4 rooms and washshed. Land 32ft x 182ft. Torrens Title.
AUCTION SALE at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL,
at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (826)

BRISBANE-STREET, OFF OXFORD-STREET.
TWO HOUSES, Nos. 80 and 82, of brick, each verandah and balcony, 4 rooms and kitchen, Land 25 feet x 60 feet, very handy to Railway, Markets, and City; rental, £54 12s yearly.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 29th APRIL,
at ROOMS, 98 Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock,
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (820)

MARRICKVILLE.—A BLOCK OF LAND, having frontages of 180ft 8½in to HILL-STREET, 24ft 6½in to the LIVINGSTONE-ROAD, and 144ft 4in to a lane; the base line is 120ft 3½in. Torrens Title. By order of the Mortgagee. Auction Sale at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (823)

HEREFORD-STREET, GLEBE.
TWO ATTRACTIVE HOUSES, Nos. 46 and 48 Hereford-street, a few yards west of Glebe-road, of brick, fronts tuckpointed, verandahs and balconies in front, and each containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, and washhouse, rental £104 per annum. Land about 34 feet frontage by 140 feet along a lane and back to a lane.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (in conjunction with F. T. Elliott), will Sell by Auction, on the Ground, NEXT SATURDAY, 30th April, at 3 p.m.

KING-STREET, NEWTOWN.
LARGE PREMISES, No. 415, a little beyond Holt-street; on the busy side of the street, and known as the Methodist Parsonage. It is of brick, two storeys, substantial, and has good accommodation; could be easily adjusted to make
A GOOD BUSINESS SHOP
and comfortable residence. This part of Newtown is developing into an active, strong, business quarter.
LAND, 26 feet frontage King-street; depth through is 235 feet to Station-street, where frontage is 43½ feet.
BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.
AUCTION SALE at the ROOMS, FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (841)

LIFE POLICY,
in office of Australian Mutual Provident Society, for £500, Table A, age 37 years.
Annual premium, £11 7s 6d—due half-yearly.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 6th MAY,
at our Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock,
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (849)

TO BUILDERS.
6 GOOD BUILDING ALLOTMENTS,
fronting
HEREFORD-STREET, GLEBE,
close to
GLEBE-ROAD (Tram Route),
and
7 ALLOTMENTS,
fronting
JAMES-AVENUE, off Hereford-street.
The frontages range from 15½ft to 32ft, with depths of 120ft to 135ft back to lane.
*** The SPECIAL ATTENTION of BUILDERS and others requiring CAPITAL BUILDING LAND near the city is directed to the sale of these Sites.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd, will sell by auction, on the Ground, NEXT SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, at 3 p.m.
The above-mentioned lands in a choice position at Glebe Point.
Lithos obtainable.
W. E. HAWKINS, Esq., is Solicitor of the owner. (805)

FOR POSITIVE SALE.
By order of the Trustees of the Estate of the late Mr. ROWLAND HILL.
NEWTOWN FREEHOLDS.
LOT 1.—Small COTTAGE, No. 162 EDGEWARE-ROAD, a few yards north of CAMDEN-STREET, handy to 2d tram terminus; Land, 34 feet frontage by 118 feet 6in, back to a right-of-way.
LOT 2.—ALLOTMENT, with old COTTAGE, Edgeware-road, adjoining Lot 1; Land, 19½ feet by 118 feet 6in., back to right-of-way.
LOT 3.—VACANT LAND, 34 feet 1½in, to EDGEWARE-ROAD, adjoining Lot 2; depth, 128½ feet, with right-of-way entrance.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above. Full particulars again. Plan on view.
Messrs. READ and READ are Solicitors of the Estate.

ALEXANDRIA,
handy to Government Railway Workshops.
HERBERT-TERRACE, consisting of ELEVEN HOUSES and a small Shop (produce), Nos. 133 to 155 HENDERSON-ROAD, close to tram. Land 150ft frontage by a depth of 100ft back to a lane. Title, Leasehold, 78 years to run, at a ground rent of £75 per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 6th May, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above Property, on a busy street of a populous suburb. Full particulars in future issue. (840)

TAYLOR BAY ESTATE,
comprising about forty-five acres of land of varied surface feature, much of which is excellent situation, and commanding very pretty views.
Adjoining the grounds of Clifton Gardens Hotel.
The frontages are to WHARF-ROAD, THOMPSON-ROAD, and other Streets, and a portion extends to Taylor's Bay.
This district has made rapid strides within the last few years, and it is quite a surprise to visitors to observe the numerous high-class Residences and Cottages along the Military-road, quite contiguous to this Estate; and on the advent of readier Steam or Tram facilities a large increment will attach to land hereabouts. Plan on view.
IN ONE BLOCK.
By order of the Mortgagees.
Messrs. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Australasia-chambers, Martin-place, are the Solicitors to the Estate.
AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, FRIDAY, 6th MAY.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

A Capital Situation, in the Most Popular RESIDENTIAL PORTION of the City, a short distance South of WILLIAM-STREET, and opposite ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
DARLINGHURST.
JESMOND,
A Three-story FAMILY RESIDENCE, No. 107 DARLINGHURST-ROAD, built of brick, with verandah and balcony in front, and containing drawing and dining rooms (folding doors), 7 bedrooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, and laundry. Land 20ft x 140ft 6in depth along a right-of-way, extending back to a lane. Torrens Title.
*** A convenient and very pleasant situation, handy to the tram at William-street, and in the neighbourhood of highly improved Properties.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11 o'clock,
The above CITY RESIDENCE. (812)

NOBBS FLAT, COOK'S RIVER.
A noted spot for rich soil, for market garden and poultry farms. 14 minutes run by railway from city.
IN ONE OR TWO LOTS, viz.:—
COTTAGE and 8 Acres Land } Or together.
And 4 ACRES LAND }
TWELVE ACRES, FRONTING WARDELL-ROAD and COOK'S RIVER, only 3 minutes from WARDELL-ROAD RAILWAY STATION. It is securely enclosed with strong fencing. The WHOLE AREA is cleared, and was under CULTIVATION. The other improvements consist of Weatherboard COTTAGE, verandah front and rear, and containing 6 rooms, and underground tank.
*** This capital and conveniently-situated Farm is portion of the well-known Nobbs Flat, Undercliff, and now in the occupation of Mr. Violet.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above-described Freehold, under TORRENS TITLE. (833)

WOOLLOOMOOLOO.
COTTAGE, No. 112, and SHOP, No. 114, CROWN-STREET, at the corner of Robinson-lane, Land 42 feet by 66 feet.
*** Only a few yards north of William-street.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above. Full particulars in future advertisement. (844)

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE LATE MR. T. MILSOP.
TERRACE PROPERTY,
handy to
CITY NEW RAILWAY STATION.
TO TRUSTEES, CAPITALISTS, and INVESTORS.
MILSOP-TERRACE, EIGHT HOUSES, Nos. 205 to 219 MACQUARIE-STREET SOUTH, between ALBION and FOVEAUX STREETS, erected on LAND having 132 FEET FRONTAGE, with a depth of 80 feet extending to a lane.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on
FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above-mentioned CAPITAL INVESTMENT, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. (834)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
CITY AND SUBURBAN FREEHOLDS.
LOT 1.—SUSSEX-STREET,
between
ERSKINE AND KING STREETS.
Those Massively-built
BUSINESS PREMISES, Nos. 86 and 88 SUSSEX-ST., of stone, awning and balconies in front, balconies at rear, and each containing 2 floors and attic, with
LARGE AND SUBSTANTIAL STORE
at rear, approached by a gateway between the above-mentioned buildings in Sussex-street.
It is of brick, has 3 floors and stabling.
Two small Dwellings.
LAND, 40 FEET FRONTAGE,
by a Depth of 116 feet.
TORRENS TITLE.
***A Central and Valuable Freehold, in one of the busiest thoroughfares of our city.

LOT 2.—PARK-ROAD, MOORE PARK.
That Commodious and Well-finished RESIDENCE called BURGH HOUSE, No. 14 PARK-ROAD, only a few yards east of Randwick-road. It is built of brick, cemented and painted front, verandah and balcony front and rear, slate roof, and containing hall, 10 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and scullery, washshed, and fuel shed; wbd. stable of 2 stalls, buggyshed, feedhouse, and harness-room. The LAND has the LARGE FRONTAGE of 38 feet 5½ inches, with a depth of 120 feet through to OATLEY-STREET. TORRENS TITLE.
***A choice position, overlooking Moore Park, only a few yards from tram, and within easy walking distance of business centre.

LOT 3.—DULWICH HILL.
HERONSMERE, a Detached COTTAGE, fronting MARRICKVILLE-ROAD (west of Wardell-road), at the corner of Fairfowl-street. It is of brick, cemented and painted front, on stone, slate and iron roof, tiled verandah in front, and containing hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, washhouse, and fuelhouse; detached stable and coachhouse of wbds.; bushhouse. LAND 103 feet by 140 feet. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above Good Properties. (836)

By Order of the Mortgagee.
LITTLE COOGEE.
A PICTURESQUE MARINE SUBURB, BETWEEN WAVERLEY AND COOGEE.
THE
MUNDARRAH ESTATE,
adjoining CLIFFBROOK, and situate between Arden-street and Mundarrah Towers, Close to Little Coogee and Gordon Bays.
9 ACRES 1 ROOD 7½ PERCHES,
having large frontages to Beach-street, Burnie-street, and Battery-street.
TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited (in conjunction with Messrs. WALKER BROTHERS), will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11 o'clock.
The above Block of Land, to be sold in one Lot. Full particulars will appear in a future issue.
Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON, Castlereagh-street, Solicitors to the Mortgagees. (846)

HEREFORD-ST., near Glebe-rd.—ALLOTMENTS next Saturday, Lithos., R. and W., Ltd.

By Order of the Mortgagee.
STANMORE.
SOUTH ANNANDALE ESTATE, on the northern side of Line, handy to trains and train.
TWO DETACHED COTTAGES, Nos. 31 and 33 ALBANY-ROAD, between Bruce and Temple streets, land 40ft x 120ft back to lane. Torrens Title.
RENTAL, £67 12s PER ANNUM.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited (in conjunction with Messrs. WALKER BROTHERS), will sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 6th MAY, at 11 o'clock.
The above Cottages, at Stanmore. Full particulars will appear in a future issue.
Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON, Castlereagh-street, Solicitors to the Mortgagee. (847)

BIRKENHEAD—DRUMMOYNE.
EIGHT ALLOTMENTS.
FIVE front PARK-AVENUE.
THREE front FERRY-ROAD.
Very handy to Steamer, Ferry, and Tram.
TORRENS TITLE.
Beautiful Outlook over water and surroundings.
AUCTION SALE on the GROUND,
by Order of the Executrix,
SATURDAY, 7th May,
at 3 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. 830

SUBDIVISION,
PENNANT HILLS-ROAD,
near
PARRAMATTA,
into
¾ ACRE to 1½ ACRE BLOCKS,
of that well-positioned Paddock, formerly McROBERTS', now
HARRIS' ESTATE.
Elevated Situation, command very extensive varied views.
ELIGIBLE RESIDENCE SPOT.
TORRENS TITLE.
TERMS will be Liberal.
LITHOGRAPHS preparing. Inspection Solicited.
Preliminary Notice.
AUCTION SALE on the GROUND,
SATURDAY, 14th MAY, at 3 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. 881

ROSE BAY.
WOOLLAHRA POINT ESTATE, opposite WOOLLAHRA HOUSE.
GEM RESIDENCE,
with spacious grounds, variously and strikingly improved, occupying one of the prettiest positions to be found in our Harbour, commanding the whole of Rose Bay, which may be styled a land-locked large lake, ever beautiful, with the attractive mansions encircling it, including CARRARA, THE HERMITAGE, THE CONVENT, TIVOLI, THE TOWERS, and sweeping round and terminating at CRANBROOK GROUNDS, the seat of his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson.
The aspect is easterly, and the prospect of views entrancing.
WUNULLA.
The Cottage could, if desired, be made to provide large accommodation. It is faithfully and substantially constructed of brick, slate roof, has entrance porch (tiled), wide verandahs, practically all round, unique square hall, drawing and dining rooms (together 40 x 20), three bedrooms, pantry, presses, kitchen, scullery, servant's room, handsome billiard room (28 x 19, with superior workshop below of same size, equal to two rooms), excellent basement as toolhouse, dark room, larder, etc.
LAND, 244½ft FRONTAGE WUNULLA-ROAD, with considerable depth lines extending to the water.
196ft FRONTAGE TO ROSE BAY.
The road boundary has neat brick wall, with short sawn fence on top. The sea line is also walled with stone, thus rendering the property private. The grounds are laid out to present many features of pleasing effect. Altogether the character of the Cottage, its situation, and the general excellence of the spot render it
UNIQUE,
and as owner is leaving the State, the opportunity presents itself to acquire a high-class property in a convenient and well-improved district of good repute and of advancement.
Cards to view from auctioneers.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 20th MAY,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (843)

RANDWICK—WAVERLEY.
18 Good Building Sites, overlooking Centennial Park, and surrounded by ST. MARK'S-ROAD, FRASER and TRAMWAY STREETS, adjoining the properties of Messrs. Whiting and Rich.
Allotments have double frontages of 40ft by various depths.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., in conjunction with Mr. REGINALD DEAN, of PADDINGTON, will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, at 3 p.m. on SATURDAY NEXT, the 30th April, 1904.
TORRENS TITLE. TERMS LIBERAL.
Mr. W. S. Gray, Mercantile Mut.-chambers, is Solicitor to the Estate.
The Property is handy to the City by either the WAVERLEY or RANDWICK Line.

AN ELEVATED and HEALTHY SUBURBAN HOME, in touch with railway and city.—SHERWOOD HEIGHTS, MERRYLANDS, or GUILDFORD, opposite PIPE HEAD.—Five Acres Rich LAND, fine lot of shade trees, modern brick Villa, out of repair, 7 rooms, hall, bathroom, servant's room, pantry, washhouse, kitchen, coachhouse, stables, poultry run, water laid on. For pos. sale, prac. without reserve, at rooms of G. H. MOBBS and CO., Parramatta, on FRIDAY, 29th April, at 12 o'clock, under instructions from Mrs. Walker. The attention of Speculators, Dealers, and the public generally is directed to this Sale. Card to view on app.

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FUNERALS.

LIGATE.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. JESSIE LIGATE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her residence, 1 Ridge-street, North Sydney, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 9.30 a.m., for the Gore Hill Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st, and 113 Miller-st, N. Syd. Tel., 875.

THE Funeral of the late SARAH JAMES will leave Ithiel, Penshurst, THIS DAY, at 11.30, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

RUNDLE.—The Funeral of the late JEREMIAH BRICE RUNDLE will leave St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY (Wednesday), at 12.30, by Special Train for the Necropolis.

PIGOTT.—The Funeral of the late Rev. HENRY ROBERT PIGOTT will leave his residence, Faulconbridge, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 1 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Faulconbridge.
WILLIAM METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.

BARNES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT BARNES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved SON, John Eric; to leave their residence, Meeks'-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown Station.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

PRIME.—The Friends of the late CHARLES PRIME are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Day-street, Auburn, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Wesleyan Cemetery, Rookwood.
Mrs. JORDAN SPARKS, Undertaker.

PRIME.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PITTARD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Charles Prime; to move from his late residence, Day-street, Auburn, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Wesleyan Cemetery, Rookwood. Mrs. Jordan Sparks, undertaker.

TAWYER.—The Friends of Mr. R. TAWYER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Sarah Anne, which will move from his residence, Kimpton, Wahroonga, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Gordon Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY.

TAWYER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES TAWYER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Sarah A. Tawyer, which will move from her late residence, Kimpton, Wahroonga, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Gordon Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

TAWYER.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE and Miss M. A. TAWYER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Sarah A. Tawyer, which will move from their residence, Kimpton, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Gordon Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

TAWYER.—The Friends of Mrs. A. E. HIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Sarah A. Tawyer, which will move from her late residence, Kimpton, Wahroonga, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Gordon Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

M'GLINN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN M'GLINN are kindly requested to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, John Bernard James; to leave his parents' residence, 49 Roberts-street, Newtown, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 for Waverley Cemetery.
CROCKETT and COMPANY, Undertakers.

TRENNERY.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH TRENNERY will move from her residence, Waratah, 179 Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.45 p.m., for the Family Vault at Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
Tel., 875. 7 Elizabeth-st and 51 Darlinghurst-rd.

COLLIER.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY COLLIER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, George Collier; to leave her resid., Martin-pl., Mortdale, TO-MORROW (Thurs.) AFTN., at 2 o'clock, for Mortdale Stn., thence to R.C. C'tery, Sutherland, by train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m.

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HOUSEMAN and Waiter, Indian or Goa. pref., 16s, sub., 10 o'cl.; F. Cook, city, 20s; sub., 25s; compt. Parl. Mds. (2), 14s 15s; 2 Friends, sub., 10s, 12s, all dut.; Gens., 10s to 14s. Layard, 25 Eliz.-st.

HOTEL Cook, hotel, cntry., 35s; Dairy Lad, 12s 6d; Lift Boy, 7s; Hotel, useful, 10s; Soap Boiler, 50s.
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SYDNEY.
Required, by the Sydney Municipal Council, DRIVERS, with Horses and Harness, for the Council's Water Carts. Applications to be made on forms to be had at the Town Hall between 9 and 10 o'clock a.m. TO-DAY (Wednesday), the 27th instant, and be delivered personally at the Town Hall before 9.30 a.m. TO-MORROW (Thursday), the 28th instant. Horses and harness to be submitted to inspection at the latter time.
Town Hall, THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Sydney, 27th April, 1904. Town Clerk.

NURSE H'md., 2 children, 16s; H. and P Maid, 14s, 13s; Cook and L., 16s; H'md., 13s to 14s; Pantrym., 8s; Mother and Daughter, sub., 16s; C. and L., ctry., 16s; Boy, milk, useful, 8s; Man, gar., use, 11s. 19 Eliz.-st.

PANTRYMAIDS, 10s; Pantrymaid, assist wait., 10s; Waitresses, 10s; Shop Assist., 15s. 41 Castlereagh-st.

RESPECTABLE young Girl as General SERVANT, references. 73 Douglas-st, Petersham.

SUPERIOR young Woman as GENERAL, Housemaid kept. After 10 Mrs. Thomas, St. James'-ch., King-st.

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WANTED, respectable GENERAL, others kept. Apply before 10 o'clock, Terminus Hotel, Ashfield.

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WANTED, General, must be good cook. Apply early, no shirts. 18 Oxford-st, city.

WANTED, clean resp. Girl, about 17. Apply Hollywood, 33 Victoria-st, Lewisham.

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WANTED, good GENERAL, 3 in family. Mrs. Chapman, Patterson-st, Concord.

WANTED, compt. yg. C. and L. or GEN., sm. priv. fam., ref. After 8, 62 Alberto-ter., Darlinghurst.

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WANTED, respectable General SERVANT. Apply Abercrombie Hotel, Cleveland-st, Redfern.

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Each Model will have a ticket on with the number corresponding to those enumerated herein.
As descriptions give but a faint idea of the excellence of our Model Costumes, a view of the originals displayed will be interesting to ladies whose tastes demand Exclusiveness.
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No. 3.—Myrtle Green Cloth Model, Cape Coat of exquisite design, finished over shoulders with four Velvet Diamond Buttons, Sleeves prettily appliqued Velvet, vein design, Sleeve finishing at wrist, tabbed Velvet Button, deep Velvet-corded Belt. Vest inlaid White Cloth, prettily outlined Blue Corticelli Silk, and tiny Corticelli Buttons, and French knots. Bell-shaped Skirt, handsomely designed Silk Cordings and veined Velvet, Silk lined throughout. Price, £8 17s 6d.

No. 4.—Imperial Blue Flaked Tweed Model, Russian Coat, Silk lined, finished triple Cape from waist over shoulders, finishing with Stole front, outlined Blue Silk Velvet, deep Belt, trimmed Chenille Spider Buttons, Sleeves and Cuffs trimmed to correspond, Velvet Buttons on front, Sleeves and Cuffs. Fan Skirt prettily finished pipings of Silk Velvet, each fan finished with three Buttons. Price, £5 5s.

No. 5.—Blue Faced Cloth Model, with Collar fastening at neck, Stole front, beautifully corded, finished rings of veined Velvet. Full Sleeves trimmed to correspond, finished with Military Cuffs, and Velvet waist. Skirt also handsomely designed Silk Cordings and Vein Velvet. Price, £7 10s.

No. 6.—Cream Hopsack Model, Bell-shaped Skirt, inlaid Twine Applique, Military Coat, finished round neck, strappings, appliqued Cloth, full Sleeves to elbow, a deep Cuff of Appliqued Cloth fastening with pearl Buttons. Silk-lined throughout. Price, £11 11s.

No. 7.—Canvas Cordelli Model, Russian Coat, Silk lined, inlaid Vest and Waist of White Silk, strapped Reseda Silk Insertion. 5-pointed Cape, two folds finished one strapping of Insertion; pointed double Sleeve finished band and insertion. Double Skirt finished with three deep tucks around hem, panel front, with two folds from waist to hem, outlined Insertion, finished Fancy Buttons. four points of top part of double Skirt outlined Applique. £5 10s.

No. 8.—Fawn Faced Cloth Model, Skirt corded to knee, stitched seams, Tailor-made. Russian Coat, lined Pink Silk, Revers and Pointed Collar, faced Self Velvet, handsomely appliqued floral designs of Blue and Gold. Stitched, Tailor-made Sleeves. £6 15s.

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WANTED, young Girl to train as General, cook and H. maid kept, wages 5s. General, P.O., Rowe-st.

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